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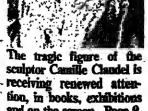
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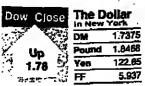


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Soviets Say Death Toll in Quake Nears 100,000





Apartment houses destroyed by the earthquake in Leninakan, the second largest city in Armenia, left; residents wander through rubble there, above. Thousands died in the city and many others

By Philip Taubman

New York Times Service

and the rubble removed, the devastating earth-quake in Armenia will haunt Mikhail S, Gorba-

chev's effort to revive the Soviet economy and

Already reeling from unexpected setbacks, the

economy can ill afford the diversion of money,

manpower and resources oeeded to deal with an

earthquake that left tens of thousands dead and

destroyed large areas of the Republic of Armenia.

Although the economic cost has not been esti-

mated yet, it seems certain to run into tens, if not

The television news Friday evening showed res cue equipment, food, clothing and other supplies

being rushed to the quake area from distant re-

gions of the country, a first infusion of aid that will

be followed in the weeks and months ahead by an

The 1986 Chemobyl nuclear accident, which

The economy is the linchpin of Mr. Gorbachev's

effort to remake the Soviet Union - if it fails to

respond to his initiatives, the prospects for sustain-

ing political, cultural and other changes would be

Soviet economists consider to have been a severe blow to Mr. Gorbachev's program, cost 8 billion

reshape the country.

hundreds, of billions of rubles.

expensive reconstruction effort.

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seriously diminished.

MOSCOW - Long after the victims are buried

Homeless Victims Of the Catastrophe **May Total Millions**

By David Remnick

Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — As many as 100,000 people are believed dead after an earthquake leveled cities and towns in Soviet Armenia on Wednesday, and more than 400,000 homeless survivors are now sleeping in the streets or in makeshift tent villages, according to offi-

[Leonid M. Zamyatin, the Soviet bassador in Britain, said Friday in London that about 80,000 peo-ple have died, The Associated Press reported. Speaking to a delegation of Armenians at the Soviet Embassy, he said, "Our estimate is, but it's not an exact figure, that we have about 80,000 people who lost life in Armenia, and 2.5 million lost their

In the city of Spitak, which reportedly "disappeared from the 'stroog vibrations" every two hours, according to the Communist Party oewspaper Pravda. Spitak has a population of about 50,000.

tures, was designed in large part to create a govern-

ment system more conducive to economic flexibili-

Before the earthquake, the economy was sput-

tering, at best, and Mr. Gorbachev was under

increasing pressure to limit government spending

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while providing more food and consumer goods

The reductions in Soviet military forces an-

oounced by Mr. Gorbachev during his appearance

at the United Nations on Wednesday was forced.

to some extent, by the country's serious economic

would be a 36 million ruble budget deficit in 1989.

Western economists estimate the actual deficit

A recent article in the journal Kommunist by

Since taking power in March 1985 and starting

Onto R. Lacis, a leading economist, said the real deficit was closer to 100 billion rubles.

the most extensive effort to change the country

since Stalin forged the current system in the 1930s,

Mr. Gorbachev has faced unforeseen economic

problems that have all but crippled his programs.

prices. The Soviet Union is the world's largest oil

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The first was the collapse of international oil

may be two or three times that figure.

The government disclosed in October that there

for a public impatient with chronic shortages.

ty and growth.

this week, is reportedly directing the relief effort from Moscow and will make a trip to Yerevan, the capital of Armenia A spokesman for the Foreign

Ministry, Vadim Perfilyev, said Friday that it had not yet been decided when Mr. Gorbachev would go to the area. Yerevan was relatively untouched by the quake, but the republic's next largest cities, Leninakan and Kirovakan, had thousands

of deaths. About 290,000 people

live in Leninakan, while the population of Kirovakan is 170,000. Countless apartment buildings schools, factories, hospitals and bridges were destroyed in the cities. Drinking water, food, medical sup-plies and power were in short sup-

The government newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda said that were transformed into "common graves." About three-quarters of

the city was destroyed.

Press coverage of the tragedy is one of the most radical examples yet of Mr. Gorbachev's policy of glasnost, or openness. Reports in ewspapers and on television and radio have been quick, complete

Although the Soviet press has tried to highlight "fraternal" cooperation from the neighboring republic of Azerbaijan, the disaster appears to have done little to improve relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan in some instances.

The Armenian press agency re-ported "isolated" incidents Friday of Azerbaijanis in the capital city of Baku burning down the homes of

The government newspaper Izvestia confirmed the reports of violeace, saying, "It's awful to learn that there are people who try to use tragic circumstances for excesses and provocations."

It urged people to "first be human beings, and then Russians, Armenians or Azerbaijanis."

Komsomolskaya Pravda was sharply critical of the government's lack of readiness for earthquakes in an area that is geologically active.

The newspaper asked, "Where were the seismologists, architects and construction workers that planned and built these houses that fell apart like matchboxes?"

A professor of seismology in Moscow, Nikolai Shebalin, told the press that he expected more tremors in northern Armenia, although "less powerful" that the one Wednesday.

The quake measured 6.9 on the Richter scale, a level that is capable of causing major damage, and was centered near Leninakan.

The earthquake shook the region at midmorning when children were at school and workers in factories. Pravda said that in Spitak "all scismological devices went off the scale." Only two persons were rescued from a local hospital that collansed

The wounded in Spitak were taken to a local stadium "and every ten or fifteen minutes helicopters flew from the stadium with the injured." They were taken to hospitals in

Komsomolskaya Pravda said, The panorama of the city is as if it

had been cruelly bombarded." The early estimate of 100,000 deaths came from officials at the official Armenian news agency and Western diplomats who have been able to piece together details of the scope of the damage in the region. The Soviet news agency Tass used the term "tens of thousands"

on Friday. A government spokesman, Lev

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national campaign to combat lo-

Front have been fighting Morocco

for independence for the past 13

Four civilian aircraft were shot

down over the Sahara earlier in the

have been left homeless and need water, food and medical supplies. **Another Blow for Gorbachev**

Shultz Urges NATO Not to Drop Guard

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service
BRUSSELS — George P. Shultz
bid farewell on Friday to his
NATO colleagues by hailing the changes in Soviet domestic and arms control policies but warning Western Europe against any pro-mature conclusion that the Cold War was over.

aking at his last NATO meet ing before he leaves office Jan. 20, the U.S. secretary of state seemed to thread a delicate line between high praise for the changes being brought about by President Mik-

questions from reporters about whether the Gorbachev announcement of significant Soviet troop and tank reductions called for some reciprocal NATO gesture and reduced the need for military

Asked whether war was now less likely than when he became secretary in 1982, Mr. Shultz said he thought there had been a "huge change" in the ability of the East and West to cope with the arms

the Cold War was over. "I do like the notion that the Cold War is dead. I hope it's true."

those big force structures.

The Berlin Wall is still there. If there is a single symbol of the Cold

Mr. Shultz said that being encouraged by recent changes in Soviet policies "does not mean you go bananas and forget what got you here." He was referring to NATO efforts to increase its strength, including the deployment of interme-diate-range missiles in 1983 that **Defeat for Soviet Military**

The ambitious package of political changes approved last month by the Communist Party and national legislature, including a partial transfer of power from the party to popularly elected legislaproducer, and the loss of revenue from petroleum exports in the past three years has totaled more

By R. Jeffrey Smith
Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's announcement of unilateral cuts in troops and weapons is a striking defeat for the Soviet military, which waged an extended, unusually public campaign of opposition to them, according to U.S. and Soviet analysts.

The opponents included the top Soviet military leaders, the chief of staff, Sergei F. Akhromeyev, and Defense Minister Dmitri T. Yazov, as well as their senior aides, many of whom published articles and made speeches in the past year attacking the idea of unilateral reductions.

The experts said they did not expect the opposition to persist, at least in public, or to jeopardize Mr. Gorbachev's position as the most innovative Soviet leader since Nikita S. Khrushchev, who ordered even larger troop cuts in the 1950s.

The fact that military officials expressed these strongly held views does not mean they won't support Gorbachev now that a decision has been made," said Raymond Garthoff, a Brookings Institution scholar on the Soviet military.

In December, Marshal Akhromeyev wrote in a

Soviet journal that Mr. Gorbachev's new military doctrine of "reasonable sufficiency," should not be istaken for "a unilateral lessening of our defense efforts." But Mr. Gorbachev expressly invoked the "reasonable sufficiency" strategy in his UN speech outlining the rationale for unilaterally trimming

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500,000 Soviet troops, 10,000 tanks, 8,500 artillery systems and 800 combat aircraft. Earlier this year, Warsaw Pact leaders approved

proposal for control of conventional arms that included a cut of 500,000 troops, but on "a reciprocal basis" with the West. When Marshal Akhromeyev, during his visit to

the United States in August, was asked about cutting troops unilaterally, he replied: "It is not the accepted practice with us to ask a question in return, but still I must ask you a question: Why

should we do that unilaterally?" Marshal Akhromeyev's retirement for health reasons was announced on Wednesday. The Soviet See DEFEAT, Page 2

African News by Africans: But When?

DAKAR, Senegal — The worst riots in 25 years shook Algeria in October. Yet for days, editors at the Pan African News Agency waited here for their Algerian member agency to file a report. Finally, a telex machine clattered to life -

"We can't sell silence," said Auguste Mpassi-Muba, the agency's Congolese director. The one-party states always want to A decade ago, Mr. Mpassi-Muba and his

with an Algerian government communique.

mation order." They demanded an end to African dependence on Western news agencies for news about Africa, which they said was consistently negative and reflected the cultural biases of

In 1983, with the technical backing of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, a new agency was born, charged with a lofty mission: "Correct the distorted picture of Africa, its countries

and peoples resulting from partial and nega-tive information published by the foreign press agencies." "News on Africa, by Africans," was the

slogan of the agency, known by its initials, Five years after the first PANA dispatch

left the newsroom in Dakar, Mr. Mpassi-Muba and his colleagues still level their thetorical guns at the West's information and cultural "colonization" of Africa. And they increasingly talk of a new, equal-

ly pressing oced: "a ocw African information "It is high time the official, controlled,

censored, muzzled or partisan news gives way in Africa to news based on the diversity of opinions and ideas, with free access to the various sources of official and unofficial information," Mr. Mpassi-Muba said in a speech in Cairo in September. Established by the Organization of African

from dispatches sent by the government press agencies of the 45 member nations. At times, the omissions are glaring,

ruling Tutsi tribe massacred thousands of the country's Hutu tribesmen. Around the world, it was front-page news. But PANA's local member agency. Agence Burnodzise de Presse, remained silent.

Last year, in an event that shocked Africa, President Thomas Sankara of Burkina was shot to death in a coup organized by his erstwhile friend, Blaise Compaore, PANA's member agency, Agence d'information de Burkina, waited days before filing an article.

After five years in the business, editors at the agency also express disappointment that African governments have not matched their anti-colonislist oratory with rash.

In recent years, PANA has received an average of only 40 percent of dues owed by member countries. But after an emergency meeting last sum-

mer, the payment of dues has risen to 75 In a seeming contradiction for an enter-prise dedicated to ending Western domina-

tion, the African agency is increasingly de-pendent on money from Western sources — France, Italy and the European Community - along with various United Nacons agen-

U.S. Pilot Saw Missile Hitting Plane in Sahara

RABAT — The pilot of a plane custs in the region. The aircraft on a mission for the U.S. Agency were attacked 50 kilometers (30 for International Development de-miles) from the Mauritanian borscribed Friday how a missile blast-ed a companion aircraft from the Marxist guerrillas of the Polisario sky over Manritania, seconds before his own plane was hit.

"I saw the right-hand engine of the first plane catch fire," the Moroccan press agency MAP quoted the unidentified pilot as saying. "It began to lose altitude and I saw its right wing breaking off. Thirty seconds later my plane was hit. I just had time to see the other one explode."

Five U.S. foreign aid workers were killed when the first DC-7 aircraft was shot down. The pilot of the second DC-7

managed to land in Morocco without casualties. The two propeller-driven, fourengined planes were hired by the U.S. government as part of a inter-

war between the Algerian-backed guerrillas and Moroccan troops for control of the former Spanish colo-A Polisario representative in Algiers said he had no news of the

missile attack on the two aircraft. but was seeking details from guer-rillss in the field. "Mistakes can be made, but until now we have nothing from our an-

thorities," the representative, Sadiq Malainine, said by telephone. "We

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hail S. Gorbachev of the Soviet Union and warnings that the At-lantic Alliance must nonetheless keep up its defenses.
A similar theme has been struck here by European foreign ministers, who have been peppered by

careful and constructive way."

control, buman rights and issues involving regional conflicts in "a But he warned against believing

Mr. Shultz said. But he added: "There is still tension. There is still varieties of interest. There is still

War, that's it."

See NATO, Page 2

Imperils Trade Reform international trade, said Friday, "it is time for a cool re-examination" By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune But neither Mr. Crosbie nor other ministers could hide the fact that

the Montreal trade talks this week has derailed the most ambitious attempt in 40 years to rewrite the rules of the world trading system.

tries, particularly in Latin America. Montreal on Friday, many of them insisted that while the locomotive of trade reform had left the track.

Above all EC officials are now,

States and the European Community to resolve their increasingly acrimonious conflict over trade in agriculture was the prime cause of what one senior official call the "fiasco" in Montreal this week. After the bad temper and recrim-

Protectionism/Free Trade

nese parliament.

The tension and confronta-

Miyazawa: Political Sacrifice

Japan Finance Chief's Resignation May Aid Tax Plan

By Patrick L. Smith

TOKYO - In accepting the resignation Friday of his finance minister, Prime Minister Noboru

Takeshita has made his most painful political sac-

rifice to date — and potentially most dangerous — in the service of the national tax reform plan he has advanced as the hallmark of his administration.

The finance minister, Knichi Miyazawa, is the

most prominent official to be forced from office so

has become one of Japan's most damaging politi-

"What happens to me is not important," Mr. Miyazawa, 69, said in resigning Friday. "I give top priority to the tax bills, and I have taken the proper

His departure underscores the unexpectedly

strong response that the Japanese public has had to

an affair initially viewed as a relatively routine

example of legal but ethically questionable politi-

As an opportunity for Japan's opposition par-tics, the affair has plagued the governing Liberal

cal scandals of the postwar era.

steps to ensure their passage."

Kiosk

Major Gives Up

BUENOS AIRES (Renters)

—A rebel Argentine army ma-jor surrendered Friday after holding out at an infantry base

for four days following the end

of an revolt by officers, Presi-

dent Raúl Alfonsin's worst

military crisis.

In Argentina

Montreal have directed new emphasis at the developing problems of world trade. As at no other time in recent years, protectionist and free

trade forces have squared off in potentially explosive opposing positions. Starting Monday, the International Herald Tribune will begin a series of articles, called Protectionism /Free Trade, that will examine these developments over the coming months as they affect business and politics around

MONTREAL -The collapse of

But as disillusioned delegates left

inations of the last few days, John Crosbie, the Canadian minister for

tion of the GATT talks in

Collapse of GATT Talks

It has soured relations between the world's two largest traders, the United States and the European Community, and it has infuriated a large number of developing coun-

The major question left unanswered Friday was whether officials in Geneva can now get the train moving again by settling the major disputes that ministers failed

The inability of the United

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By James Brooke New York Times Service

colleagues were on the barricades of the battle for what they called "a new world infor-

Western reporters.

States, PANA largely draws its daily report In late August in Burundi, members of the

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most of the boxcars it was pulling are still on the rails. to resolve in Montreal.

perhaps vainly, looking to the incoming Bush administration in Washington to show greater flexibility than the representatives of the outgoing Reagan administra-tion showed in Montreal.

Democrats and their tax package since it erupted

Until recently, however, it appeared to give the

prime minister's adversaries only the kind of nui-

sance value on which they generally thrive in the

Now the stakes are larger: The most fundamen-

tal issue facing both party officials and the Tako-shita government is whether the departure of Mr.

Miyazawa, Imance minister since mid-1986 and

By many accounts, Mr. Takeshita has sacrificed his most gifted administrator in an effort to pass

his tax plan in the upper house by the end of this month and to incorporate it into the national

But political analysts questioned Friday whether

the prime minister had yet won the cooperation of

opposition legislators for the duration of the cur-

rent extraordinary session of the Diet, the Japa-

Mr. Miyazawa, the architect of the tax reforms.

has served chiefly to protect other party and gov-

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budget for the fiscal year that begins April 1.

puty prime minister since Mr. Takeshita took

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Israeli Troops Attack a Camp Of Palestinians Near Beirut

By Joel Brinkley

New York Times Service JERUSALEM — Israeli ground troops were landed by sea just south of Beirut and marched two miles inland on Friday to destroy parts of a Palestinian guerrilla

headquarters before withdrawing. One Israeli officer and at least 20 Palestinians were killed. Four Israeli soldiers trapped inside Lebanon for several hours after the others had withdrawn were rescued by

It was the first ground attack in Lebanon outside Israel's self-declared security zone on the border since Israel's invasion of the country in 1982. Israeli officials insisted that it was only coincidental that the attack was carried out Friday as the Palestinians observed the beginning of second year of their inn-

Israel had been aware of the target for a long time, but Major Moshe Fogel, an army spokesman,

said Israel chose to attack Friday army would not give exact numbers only because "the physical condi-

the operation now." He said "there was no connection whatsoever" to the anniversa-

The target, the army said, was the main beadquarters and training center for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, a small, radical Palestinian faction allied with Syria that carried out an attack by hang glider on an army base in northern Israel a year ago in which six Israeli soliders were killed.

The Popular Front, headed by Ahmed Jebril, is among the most extreme Palestinian factions, It refused to attend the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers cer. last month.

The army said troops exchanged no fire with Syrian or other forces

Dozens of Israeli treeps - the

Greek Decision to Free Suspect 'Shocks' Shultz

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service
BRUSSELS — The U.S. secretary of state, George P. Shultz, said here Friday that he was shocked and outraged by the Greek government's decision to free a suspected Palestinian terrorist wanted in Italy in connection with an attack on a Rome synagogue in 1982.

Speaking at a news conference at a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mr. Shultz

said:
"When a known terrorist like
this is released it's shocking, I can only have a sense of great disap-pointment and a kind of outrage

He referred to the Greek government's decision Tuesday to deport Abdel Osama Zomar to Libya rather than turn him over to Italian authorities to stand trial on the synagogue attack.

A two-year-old child was killed in the grenade attack and 37 other persons injured.

U.S. officials have been particularly disturbed by the Greek action because it appeared to lay the groundwork for a likely Greek refusal to extradite to the Umited States another Palestinian suspect-ed terrorist, Mohammed Rashid. U.S. authorities believe Mr. Ra-

shid was involved in the bombing of a Pan American World Airways plane over Honolulu in 1984, They also believe Mr. Rashid was an op-

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"We want to stick with a formula

Mr. Shultz came to a press con-

ference at the end of a two-day

NATO foreign ministers confer-

ence armed with statistics to de-

fend the need for a continued

strong NATO military posture.
He said thet even after the Soviet

reductions of 500,000 men and

10,000 tanks, the asymmetries be-

tween NATO and Warsaw Pact

military strength would remain

In numbers of divisions. Mr.

Shultz said, the Warsaw Pact supe-

riority over NATO forces before

the announced Soviet cuts was 2.99

to 1. After the cuts, which are to

include the dismantling of six tank

divisions, he said the ratio would be

In numbers of tanks, the ratio would change from 2.76 to 1 before

to 2.18 to 1 after, while for artillery

it would shift from 2.30 to 1 before

to 1.74 to 1 after. In the case of

aircraft, the Warsaw Pact edge,

now 3.20 to 1, would become 3 to 1,

He said these continuing imbal-ances were the reason for the new

NATO approach toward conven-

tional arms talks that was outlined

in Brussels on Thursday in quick response to Mr. Gorbachev's arms

The NATO plan calls for an

overall limit on armaments in Eu-

rope from the Atlantic to the Rus-

sian Urals, cutting tank forces for

both NATO and the Warsaw Pact hy almost half to 40,000. The Sovi-

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reduction announcement.

Mr. Shultz said.

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that's worked," he said.

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erative for a terrorist group led hy Abdullah Abd Hamid Labib, also known as Colonel Hawari, who belongs to a faction of the Palestine

Liberation Organization led by its chairman, Yasser Arafat. A State Department spokeswoman, Phyllis Oakley, made it clear Thursday that the United States was did not like the stated Greek basis for deporting Mr. Zo-

mar to Libya rather than to Italy. She said, "The explanation offered by the Greek justice minister that an armed attack on a synagogue and a murder of a two-yearold child would — and I quote — 'fall within the domain of the strugele to regain a homeland,' and are therefore not crimes - that is de-

Mr. Zomar, arrested in 1982, had already served two consecutive 20month prison terms, one for smuggling weapons into Greece and the other for concealing a weapon.

■ EC Discussing Terrorism The interior ministers of the 12-

member European Community, as well as senior U.S. officials, have convened in Athens to discuss coordination of anti-terrorism measures, The New York Times reported Thursday from Athens.

Western diplomatic officials said the assembly would primarily deal with problems that have arisen concerning the extradition of suspected terrorists.

ceiling proposed by NATO of 12,000 tanks for any one country.

Under the plan, Western forces

would only have to be reduced about 5 percent in the various arms

categories, according to U.S. offi-

NATO foreign ministers also is-

sued a final communiqué calling

Mr. Gorbachev's announcement of

the planned arms cuts "among the

most promising recent develop-ments" in the trend of improved

The Gorbachev announcement

the communique said, represented

"the starting point of a new ap-

proach by the Soviet Union to the

size and structure of their military

Left unclear was when new East-

West talks on conventional arms

would get under way and when the

Conference on Security and Coop-

cration in Europe, which began in

1986, would end its work in Vien-

na. The conference has been stalled

over human rights issues and the wording of a final document.

Mr. Shultz said that NATO now

had a basic approach toward the

talks on conventional arms ready,

with the outline of its arms reduc-

tions proposal presented in Brus-

The NATO statement said that

the alliance would continue to

strive for a end to the Conference

on Security and Cooperation in Europe, an alliance prerequisite for

starting the new conventional arms

But referring to the main holdup from the NATO viewpoint, it said

that the alliance noted "with re-

gret" that a number of East-bloc

nations continued to fail to live up

to their obligations under the 1975

Helsicki Final Act, including "full

FRANCISTOWN, Botswana -

Two South African commandos

captured during a raid on Gabo-

rone, the capital of Botswana, have

been sentenced to 10 years in jail

Theodore Hermansen, 30, and

Johannes Basson, 25, had faced

charges of attempted murder

against three Botswana policemen

but a judge reduced the charge to

The two South Africans were ar-

rested in June near Gaborone after

group of commandos fired on

marmed Botswana police, Because

they are to appeal, the caming will not be carried out immediately.

ausing grievous bodily harm.

and eight strokes of the cane.

respect for burnan rights."

Botswana Jails

South Africans

talks "as soon as possible."

sels on Thursday.

East-West relations.

forces and program."

NATO: Shultz Warns on Strength PLANES:

led eventually to the U.S. Soviet another 15,000 tanks to meet the

- landed on the beach south of tions and the timing were right for Beirut just before midnight, then marched two miles (more than three kilometers) inland to the town of Downa. Lieutenant General Dan Shom-

ron, the army chief of staff, said the troops, with assistance from helicopter gunships, surprised the guerrillas before dawn Friday morning. Several headquarters buildings were destroyed, and during the fighting Lieutenant Colonel Amir Meital of the elite Golani infantry unit was shot and killed. Three other Israelis were wounded.

At the same time, Major Fogel said, at least 20 Palestinian guertillas were killed, among them Abu Jamin, a senior Popular Front offi-

The Israeli forces attacked in groups of four, each with its own target, and after the targets were destroyed each of the groups marched back to the sea. Only when they had returned to the beach just before 9 A.M. did they discover that one four-man unit

General Shomron ordered the men back on the boats and then sent two Cobra attack helicopters to search for the missing men.

Eventually they were located; they had been alone, fighting Pales-tinian guerrillas, for several hours. The two small gunshins landed beside them, and each of the four men clung to one of the copters' struts as the gunships took off again, then flew back to Israel.

Major Fogel said, "These forces were moving in heavy hrush through difficult terrain at night, and these things can happen.

Israel took no prisoners in the operation, and by early in the day today all troops had returned to

The attack, Major Fogel asserted, "was not revenge."
"This was part of our ongoing policy of striking terrorists wherever they may be," he said.

■ Shultz Expresses Surprise Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Friday he was surprised to learn that Israeli troops and war-planes had raided guerrilla bases in Lebanon, The New York Times re-

ported from Brussele "I would have thought that, by this time, the Israelis would have learned their lesson about putting troops well inside of Lebanon. Mr. Shultz said. "It didn't work before, and I am surprised."

He made the comment at a news conference in Brussels after a twoday meeting of foreign ministers from members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

are going to do all possible to thro

The Polisario Front," he said,

"can stress it has no interest at all

in creating problems of any kind with the United States, which can

and should contribute to a peaceful

Diplomats in the Moroccan cap-

ital, Rabat, said they had little

doubt that the plane was shot down

They said the attacks could in-

crease pressure for a United Na-

tions-mediated cease-fire to take

effect without direct talks. King

Hassan II of Morocco has rejected

Both sides have accepted in prin-

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in

Rabat said the two aircraft were

flying north from their bases in Dakar, Senegal, to Agadir on Mo-rocco's Atlantic coast at about

3,000 meters, along an internation-

He said a team of USAID work-

ers had gone to Agadir to investi-gate the deaths. The second plane

ally recognized air corridor.

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referendum offering the Saharan

Polisario demands for talks.

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et Union would have to demobilize Missile Hits DC-7

Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa at a news conference after his resignation over a stock scandal

JAPAN: Miyazawa's Resignation May Aid Tax Plan

took up after two of his predeces-

his party a Pyrrhic victory at best.

parliamentary investigation of the

stock affair is a measure of how

stock scandal

political scene.

ernment figures since it was disclosed two months ago that he was the only senior official directly tied to the stock scandal, which involved the exchange of political influence for stock in a fast-rising real estate concern.

In effect, Mr. Takeshita has now gamhled that accepting Mr. Miyazawa's resignation is more likely to satisfy the political opposition than to whet appetites for other senior party officials, virtually all of whom have been indirectly linked to the scandal.

"For the Liberal Democrats, the No. 1 question now is whether Miyazawa's departnre will he enough," a parliamentary aide said Friday. "Many of us are fairly sure it won't be."

Meanwhile, another figure fell victim to the Recruit Cosmos scandal on Friday. Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. demoted one of its most senior executives, Ei Shikiba, who admitted that he had received stock in the company. Mr. Shikiba, who was questioned

in parliament about his role in the affair, changed his story several Apart from Mr. Miyazawa and

Mr. Shikiba, about 160 politicians, media figures and political aides accepted stock in Recruit Cosmos Co. the property subsidiary of a publishing and computer-information conglomerate, hefore the shares became publicly available on the over-the-counter market in

gains by selling the stock into a such matters as exchange-rate Mr. Abe, the party secretary-genersharply rising market shortly after management and Third World al. a profit of 22 million yen (\$180,000 at the current rate) on a nominal investment of 30 million year.

Among those implicated have been aides to Mr. Takeshita, former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, and Shintaro Abe, secretary-general of the Liheral Democrats. Mr. Miyazawa was directly linked to the affair when it was revealed in October that his political secretary bought shares in the finance minister's name. To an extent, Mr. Miyazawa's

Less measurable but equally sig-nificant will be the costs of Mr. Miyazawa's resignation overseas. A respected thinker and policymaker in international financial circles, he was among Japan's most articulate Many made substantial tax-free sumption of a new global role in Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, and

> care of aides for whom money politics was more or less a way of life.

repeatedly changed his testimony

decision has confirmed what had ties and whether he was aware of been increasingly apparent in re-cent weeks, that Mr. Takeshita's his ownership of 10,000 shares of Recruit Cosmos stock. long battle for tax reform, which he

The former chairman of Recruit Cosmos, Hiromasa Ezoe, contrasors were defeated by it, will give dicted Mr. Miyazawa this week when be testified that a Recruit Cosmos financing unit had lent the chase the shares.

a highly unpopular consumption funds were made available through tax and because the governing par-ty has flouted public opinion by one of Mr. Miyazawa's politica support groups. more or less openly manipulating a

Opposition parties, which were divided when Mr. Takeshita pushed his tax package through the lower house several weeks ago. Few political observers initially expected the share purchases to united again this week in demandraise more than passing protests among most Japanese. Generating ing evidence from Mr. Miyazawa on these two points. If true, they campaign funds through the stock would virtually confirm that the market and through influencestock was offered as a bribe, even if seeking corporations has long been he could claim it was not taken as an accepted feature of the Japanese

With his departure, Mr. Miyazawa is unlikely to provide the information opposition legislators

urban Tokyo.

Apart from being linked to the scandal, Mr. Miyazawa has also Nakasone is viewed as the most been singled out because he has vestigation or to an independent in parliamentary hearings about his inquiry by the office of the Tokyo knowledge of his secretary's activi-

National opinion polls show that minister's secretary funds to pur-Mr. Takeshita's personal popularity has fallen dramatically in recent weeks, because his reforms include

It also is believed that these

In this sense, public ire over the

rapidly the traditionally unques-tioning attitudes of many Japanese are changing. It is ironic that this have demanded. But analysts were uncertain as to whether the opposition parties would soften their apmeasure has been taken at the exproach in a parliamentary investipense of a national figure known gation of the Recruit Cosmos affair widely as one of the least-tainted or begin to focus on other promiby "money politics," as the nexus nent Liberal Democratic members.

of power and finance is known in Mr. Takeshita will assume the finance portfolio until the cabinet is reshuffled, likely at the end of the year. The two men most widely mentioned to replace Mr. Miyazawa's are Tatsuo Murayama. a senior adviser on tax issues and and effective symbols of its as- former finance minister under

In the end, it was his active en- others who have resigned over the gagement in such international is- Recruit Cosmos affair include two sues that led to his downfall. Ab- scaior newspaper executives, an sorbed in policy, he appears to have opposition legislator, a deputy left the day-to-day management of minister of education, and mem-his political life too heavily in the bers of the Kawasaki and Yokohaminister of education, and mem ma municipal governments in sub-

OUAKE: Death Toll in Armenia May Reach 100,000 rubble in towns and cities through-

out northwest Armenia is grim. The

first deputy health minister, Igor

Denisov, said that he assumed most

people in the debris were badly

injured and might not survive long

More than 12,000 Soviet troops,

people a choice between indepen-Voznesensky, said at a new conferdence or integration with Morocco. ence in Moscow that it was still Talks on how to organize such a vote are to begin next week in Geimpossible to give an accurate death toll.

But he added: "To my view, the figure will be very high. We already have a more or less accurate picture of the places that have collapsed region to help quell the violence and are in ruins. In those ruins we between Azerbaijani Moslems and

screams are fewer and fewer."

many of whom were already in the hear screams, and every hour the Armenian Christians, are now working on the rescue effort, ac-The outlook for people buried in cording to military sources.

was hit in a port engine, but man-aged to land at the coastal town of Ifni after a low-altitude flight. Algeria restored diplomatic rela-tions with Morocco in May and diplomats say Algiers has since sought to loosen its ties to the Poli-

The guerrillas launched a major attack on Morocco's defense lines in September. The offensive was believed to have been organized from Mauritanian territory.

Planes Leased in U.S. Earlier, Steven Engelberg of the New York Times reported from

John Wilkinson, special assistant to the deputy administrator of USAID, said the planes were leased from T&G Aviation of

Chandler, Arizona. He said the planes had been under contract for two years and said they had no connection to any American intelligence operations.

According to the London-based International Institute for Strategie Studies, the Polisario guerrillas are armed with Soviet-made SA-7 and SA-6 anti-aircraft missiles. The shoulder-fired SA-7 is typically not as defense minister, the general effective above about 3,000 meters. but the SA-6, which is mounted on military era that Mr. Gorbachev ed to his overthrow in 1964. trucks, can strike targets at higher

The government of Mauritania owns SA-7 missiles, as does Morocco, which also has American-made Chaparral missiles. The Chaparral can also hit targets at about 3,000

DEFEAT: Soviet Generals Lose

in the cold.

(Continued from page 1) Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennadi I. Gerasimov, denied then thet Marshal Akhromeyev's departure was related to Mr. Gorbachev's rejection of the chief of staff's views. But some experts found significance in reports in Moscow that General Ivan Morozov, a commander of the Odessa Military District, might be Marshal Akhro-

meyev's replacement. Without confirming General Morozov's appointment, Mr. Gerasimov described him as "an outstanding, rising military star," who, because of his age, did not partici-pate in World War II.

Marshal Akhromeyev, in contrast, was described this week by Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, as someone "very heavily conditioned in his views by his participation" in the war, in which German tanks proved nearly un-

Although Mr. Gerasimov said that General Yazov would stay on also is regarded as a figure from a seems intent on ending. Two months ago, in an article published by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, General Yazov equated U.S. demands for unilateral cuts in Soviet forces with a "striving for from the cuts on better military future supremacy over the Warsaw training and equipment, including

"It is impossible to achieve defense sufficiency unilaterally,

General Yazov wrote. Mr. Gerasimov was asked Wednesday whether there had been a sharp internal debate over the cuts. He said that "differing views" existed "everywhere in any organinow is a common position, which undoubtedly will be supported."

The political nature of the decision also was suggested by Mr. Gerasimov's inability to explain its precise military implications. "We don't have concrete figures," he

What remains unclear is the price Mr. Gorbachev may have had to pay to obtain the military's acence. Some Soviet experts have described the extensive Soviet buildup of strategie nuclear forces in the 1960s and 1970s as the price for Mr. Khrushchev's deep troop cuis of the late 1950s. Later, additional deep cuts announced by Mr. Khrushchev were canceled, and opposition to the cuts has been cited as a factor that may have contribut-

The editor of a prominent Moscow publication suggested that Mr. Gorbachev might have promised military officials that he would spend some of the expected savings

Government spokesmen said that in addition to help from all 15 Soviet republics, Moscow has accepted aid from France, Britain and elsewhere.

The rescue effort, however, has been hampered by poor equipment and roads, which have prevented rescue teams and cranes from arriving quickly where they are needed Newspapers said that the lack of roads in the area have slowed the arrival of blood and medical sup-

plies.

Mr. Voznesensky said the government had "nothing to hide" about the earthquake and was tryng to give out as much accurate information as possible.

A small group of reporters has been given permission to travel to Armenia on Saturday, and a larger delegation of Western correspondents may be allowed to visit the region early next week.

"This is the first time we've had such a calamity in our generation," Mr. Voznesensky said. "Maybe this will turn out to be a grim lesson for us, and we will one day have a quicker operation system. In every respect, even on the informational side, we are not prepared for such a disaster."

The Armenian earthquake is the most calamitous in the Soviet Union since one in the Turkmenian city of Ashkhabad killed 110,000 people in 1948. In Leninakan, Komsomolskaya

Pravda said, high-rise buildings have been reduced to "broken bricks and heaps of mud." People roamed the streets in shock and "warmed themselves by fires in the cold mountain night.'

Stroessner Defied on Rights

ASUNCION, Paraguay -- Paraguayan opposition groups, openly defying President Alfredo Stroessner, plan to go ahead with a human rights march Saturday despite a government ban and the arrests of 25 leaders.

Pilot Error 'Speculation' in Jet Crash

WORLD BRIEFS

BONN (UPI) — Lieutenant General Horst Jungkurth, the West German Air Force chief of staff, said Friday the pilot of a U.S. Air Force A10 Thunderbolt II that crashed into a residential area Thursday might

have lost his orientation as he climbed to get out of fog. The pilot, Captain Michael P. Foster, 34, and four residents of Remscheid, a city 65 kilometers (40 miles) north of Bonn, were killed when the anti-tank jet plowed through 20 houses. Fifty people were injured, a police spokesman said.

General Jungkurth said at a news conference that he based his "speculation" that pilot error might have caused the accident on the fact that the Thunderbolt is the safest U.S. Air Force plane and chances of a technical fault were very small.

Pope Condemns Terrorist Groups

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II urged Friday that the rights of minorities be respected but condemned any recourse to violence to advance their claims and assailed terrorist groups that act in their In his message for the Roman Catholic Church's World Day of Peace,

which is observed Jan. 1, the pope said: "May those who follow the which is observed Jan. 1, the pope said. Many those who follow the inhuman path of terrorism hear my voice: To strike blindly, kill innocent people or carry out bloody reprisals does not help a just evaluation of the claims advanced by the minorities for whom they claim to act." Although Vatican officials said the message had not been directed at

any specific ethnic, racial, religious or national group, the pope said that any specine emine, racial, rengious or nanonal group, the pope san that "delicate problems arise" when a minority seeks independence or greater political autonomy. "In some situations of conflict, terrorist groups unduly arrogate to themselves the exclusive right to speak in the name of a minority, depriving it of the possibility of freely and openly choosing a solution without intimidation."

Hacker Enters U.S. N-Data Computer

LIVERMORE, California (UPI) — A computer hacker who penetrated systems at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory eight times in the past week has given himself "super-user" status and has the power to roam through some unclassified systems at will and destroy data; according to lab officials.

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Officials at the lab, where U.S. nuclear weapons and parts of the Strategic Defense Initiative anti-missile system are designed, said the most recent incident occurred Wednesday night. The hacker has exploited holes in the Unix operating system, the basic program that controls

many U.S. research computers. The Cray supercomputers used to design nuclear bombs are physically and electronically isolated from the main systems and are not involved in the breach of computer security, officials said. While lab security officials are working to plug the holes that have allowed the hacker to obtain unauthorized access, they are also deliberately leaving some computers. uninerable in an attempt to catch the backer, much the same way police

Spain Adopts European-Width Rails

MADRID (AP) — The government decided Friday to adopt the standard European width for Spanish railroad tracks, a move that will allow trains from the Iberian peninsula to roll straight into Western Europe for the first time.

Europe for the first time.

The decision is aimed at facilitating the modernization of the country's railroad system and to clear the way for completion of high-speed train links with Europe by 1992. Officials said the cabinet gave the green light for the first phase of the changeover to the narrower European tracks to permit the construction of a high-speed rail line from Port Bou, on Spain's northern border with France, to Barcelona, Madrid and Seville.

The government is expected to award next week a major contract to build Spain's first high-speed train system. French, West German and Japanese firms are competing for the contract.

For the Record

Sweden's latest combat aircraft, the Gripen, flew its maiden flight Friday, 18 months behind schedule and facing government threats to abandon it because of escalating costs. A consortium of four Swedish concerns have joined in the 42 billion kronor (\$7 billion) project. (AP)

Jean-Lorn Chrétien of France has become the first West Enropean to walk in space. Tass said Mr. Chrétien, who was faductied with a Soviet crew two seeks ago for a mission on the space station Mir, stepped ontside to install a solar panel...,

TRAVEL UPDATE

Paris Métro Riders Grow Impatient PARIS (AFP) - Paris commuters, hard hit by a month of partial." strikes on the Metro and the rapid transit system, Friday showed signs of

growing impatience as groups gave up waiting at stations and started walking along the tracks instead Electricity on some lines had to be switched off for fear of peopletouching the live rail, causing further delays to trains, the management said. In other cases, faced with carriages packed to capacity, passengers attempted to ride on the bumpers separating the cars, the management

The incidents were the first reported since irregular strikes have: brought chaos to Paris transit, at times closing down some lines and slowing others. On Friday, two lines ont of the 13 in Paris were closed. five were subject to delays and the rapid transit suburban lines that carry a million passengers a day were virtually paralyzed. Three buses out of four were functioning

Maka's main port of Valletta was still closed and no flights left the island Friday morning as it started cleaning up after the worst storm in years. Buildings were damaged and thousands of trees uprooted. An Iranian bulk carrier was aground in Grand Harbour and two other ships hroke their moorings before they were secured. (Reuters)

Bunna reopened to tourism Friday. Rangoon stopped issuing tourist

visas in August following more than a month of nationwide mass protest marches for democracy, which paralyzed the military-backed government. About 50 tourists of various nationalities will visit Burma this

month on package tours with strictly controlled itineraries. (AFP)
Flights by Italian airlines to and from Rome's Finnicino Airport were expected to be halted for 24 hours from 9 P.M. on Friday because of a strike by pilots, Alitalia said. It would not affect other Italian airports or foreign carriers using Fiumicino, the airline added.

Americans Still Obliged To Get Visas for France

By Barry James International Herald Tribuna PARIS - Although the French

government has lifted visa require-ments for the citizens of Western European countries outside the European Community, there were no indications Friday it also intended to lift the requirement for Ameri-

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said a formal offer made by the U.S. government in September to lift visa requirements mutually was still in effect, but that there had been no reply from France. The United States offered to put France on the same level as Britain and Japan, whose citizens do not need visas for short trips.

At the end of last month, Tourism Minister Obvier Stirn said France was expected to end the visa requirement by the end of this year. Earlier this week, Mr. Stirn said the visa requirements would be "relaxed" for all countries belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, in other words all the major devel-

But Mr. Stirn was immediately slapped down by Prime Minister Michel Rocard, whose office said the requirements would be lifted only "when conditions permit,"

The announcement Thursday by the Foreign Ministry that France would no longer require visas of citizens from the member countries for fellow Western Europeans.

of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Turkey, therefore took diplomats by surprise. According to diplomatic sources, France was seriously concerned by

threats by some members of the 21-nation Council of Europe to pull delegates out of Strasbourg, the council's headquarters, unless the requirement were lifted. The requirement was certainly

a big misance," a Swedish official said. "It cost money and it irritated people who had been traveling to France sometimes for decades without a visa." France introduced the visa re-

quirement following a wave of bombings in Paris in September 1986 in which 11 persons were killed. Only citizens of the European Community along with neighboring Switzerland and Liechtenstein were exempted. The new measure also exempts citizens of Austria, Cyrpus, Iceland, Maha, Norway and Sweden, but not Tur-

The Foreign Ministry argued that to lift visa requirements only for the industrialized nations would create senous diplomatic difficulties with countries in the Middle East, Africa or elsewhere in the Third World, which might claim they were being discriminal-

In the end, the sources said, Mr. Mitterrand cut through the argument by lifting the restrictions only

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TOPICS

Libel Suits Fading,

Press Survey Finds

The steady rise in the number

of libel suits filed against major

news organizations has sudden-ly abated. The New York Times

reports. A survey of 31 newspa-pers and broadcasters by the Society of Professional Journal-

ists showed that the number of

new libel smits filed since late

last year had declined apprecia-

bly, in large part because of the failure of the plaintiffs to pre-vail in some highly visible cases.

In the past four years, the number of libel suits against major metropolitan oewspapers has declined 17 percent com-

pared with the previous four

years, according to Mutual In-surance Co. of Bermuda, a lead-

The journalists' survey attrib-

uted the decline to three highly

publicized cases: the claim by

the former Israeli defense min-

ister, Ariel Sharon, against

Time magazine; General Wil-

liam C. Westmoreland's suit

over a CBS report that he falsi-

fied enemy troop figures in

Vietnam, and the suit by the former president of Mobil

Corp., William Tavoulareas, against The Washington Post.

All three suits were expensive

but ultimately unsuccessful, the

study said, resulting in "a chill-

ing effect on potential libel

But news organizations have a new worty, the survey said: the growing tendency of judges

and other officials to block ac-

cess to public records and to

meetings of public officials. Paul K. McMasters, chairman of the society's freedom of in-

formation committee, said too many officials feel "that the

material they are caretakers for

belongs to them and not to the

It is better to give than to

receive, especially if what you give is a fruitcake. An American

Express survey of 1,000 Ameri-

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shuttle Discovery in September worked "as expected," au official

of the National Aeronautics and

Space Administration said Friday.

Short Take .

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all," the second choice for bad presents. Fruitcake was picked as the worst gift by 31 percent, "no gift" by 18 percent. Any-

thing that has to be assembled

was third on the list of bad

ideas, followed by damaged gifts, another tie or blouse, and

a gift that needs but lacks bat-

teries. Most of those surveyed said they would hide an unde-sirable gift, return it or give it to

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cent said they would try to fob

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Shorter Takes: After being

arrested in Atlantic City, New

Jersey, on drug charges, Ser-geant Lionel R. Maynard of

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Base was notified that he had

won the state lottery. He posted

a \$2,000 bond and bailed him-

self ont. • Police in Tulsa,

Oklahoma, said they besieged

the wrong house when told a man was holding a woman at

knife point. The man tried re-

peatedly to surrender but the

police, taking him for a nosy

neighbor, kept waving him away. Another neighbor finally

alerted officers to their error.

Notes About People

Kitty Dakakis is reported

about to sign with Simon & Schuster for a book recounting

her experiences in her hus-band's unsuccessful campaign

Instructing high school cook-

ing students in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Julia Child, the

television chef, remarked that

she disliked frozen string beans,

blackened fish and Cajun food in general. She advised her pu-

pils to practice, practice, prac-

tice and to eat in the best res-taurants possible."I think

cooking is a jolly profession," she added, "I've been cooking

for 40 years, and there's still so

The Pulitzer Prize-winning

playwright, Edward Albee, re-

calling that he was expelled

from several private schools be-

fore graduating from Choate,

remarked of one school, Valley

Forge Military Academy in

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Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, said the Oring seals showed no sign of leaks such as those that occurred during the disastrous launch of Challenger the disast in 1986. motors from Discovery were taken apart, cusineers found no problems

worked as planned.

"We're very happy with these motors," Mr. Mitchell said.

in the nozzle of one of the two boosters, but Mr. Mitchell said this sort of leak was not a problem.

He said the nozzles of the solid rocket boosters were lined with panels of ablator, a material that is designed to burn away during the firing of the rocket. This action ing the interior of the rocket nozzle. Mr. Mitchell said, engineers de-

"As just one more little protection," he said, an RTV, or Room Swiss Avalanche Research Insti-

keeps extreme beat from penetrat- able cuts in badly needed domestic

Between the panels of ablator, in 1986.

signed a small gap to allow for He said that when the rocket thermal expansion of the material.

get some gas past this thermal fill-er." he said. eastern Switzerland following days of heavy snowfall in the Alps.

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Democrats Get Policy Advice

By Tom Redburn

Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON - Two leading Democrats, Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey and Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, emerged this past week with proposals designed to shape the emerg-ing economic policy debate and help revive their party's lagging po-

The comments by two men often cited as potentially strong presidential candidates come a month after the Democrats' third presidential election defeat in a row.

Mr. Bradley, a pioneer in tax reform and in developing new pro-posals for Third World debt relief, proposed in a speech Thursday night in New York that the United States should move quickly to form a more closely knit economic coalition with seven other generally free-market nations on the Pacific

Recalling his days as a professional basketball player, Mr. Brad-ley called for a "Pac-8" of the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia, Mexico, South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand to develop a high-level official forum where they could work together "to address the main threats to our eco-

nomic security."

But instead of attempting to form an exclusionary trading bloc. a threat that many fear is emerging out of Europe's plan to tear down all internal trade barriers by 1992, Mr. Bradley contended that the "dominant task should he to strengthen the multilateral system" under which most non-Communist nations have operated since the end of World War II.

The goal of such a new approach, Mr. Bradley suggested, would be to ensure that the United States does not lose out to Japan in its ability to take advantage of the burgeoning economic growth in the Pacific Ba-

Mr. Bradley proposed three spe-cific tasks for the Pacific coalition, which be called a "microcosm of the world." He recommended that the eight nations develop a consensus position on farm and natural resource trade issues to present a common front in the current round of global trading negotiations. He also proposed that they establish a "Pacific currency regime to reduce yea-dollar volatility," and he urged a new framework for aiding debtor nations, with particular emphasis on restoring economic growth in

Meanwhile, Mr. Coomo, in a speech in New York, recommended that Democrats in Congress should go along — for one year — with President-elect George Bush's effort to reduce the budget deficit without a tax increase.

But, in return, he suggested they should demand that the Gramm-Rudman, budget law, which calls for a balanced budget in four years, he modified so that in future years

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One way to force the White adding a trigger tax to Gramm-

should be modeled on an earlier. mestic spending cuts.

By Irvin Molotsky

New York Times Service

competing dinners for American winners of the Nobel prize, one

in New York, one in Washing-

ton, have created acrimony sharp

enough to suggest that anyone who could mediate the dispute

might qualify for one of the

"It is very sad," said Wassily Leontief, a Nobel laureate in

economics and a professor at

New York University, who said

he had chosen not to take part in

the Washington celebration. "It

is bad for this country and its

Mr. Leontief said the event in

Washington was undignified and a publicity device to attract cor-

porate sponsors through associa-

The Washington event, which was to be held Friday night, is neither connected to the Nobel

Committee in Stockholm nor

The two U.S. dinners precede

the royal award ceremony in

Stockholm on Saturday, when this year's Nobel prizes will he

Among Mr. Leontief's com-

plaints about the Washington

celebration is the entertainment,

which includes the winner of the

1988 Miss America contest,

Gretchen Carlson, playing the

tion with Nobel winners.

standing abroad."

sanctioned by it.

WASHINGTON - Two

already in production. But Mr. luciantly proposed by President Cuomo nonetheless proposed that Ronald Reagan in 1983 that called Congress should work with Mr. for a 1 percent surtax on income Bush to implement spending cuts and higher excise taxes if spending that would at least get next year's cuts and faster economic growth alone did not significantly shrink ing called for hy the hudget law.

Mr. Cuomo said that he hoped House to bargain on equal terms his proposal would mean that the with Congress, he said, would be by "Gramm-Rudman gun is never "Gramm-Rudman gun is never fired," but, if it ever is, half the Rudman that would make it "a more potent weapon — and therefore a sharper incentive."

fired, bur, u it ever is, name burden of narrowing the budget gap should be carried by higher taxes, with the other half shared taxes, with the other half shared taxes, with the other half shared taxes. The proposal, Mr. Cuomo said, equally between defense and do-

A Tug-of-War Over Nobel Winners

Competing U.S. Dinners for Laureates Stir Acrimony

tertainment, a first-class string

On the opposite side is Heary

A. Singer, the organizer of the Washington celebration, who called Mr. Leontief "an old cur-

mudgeon, in his dotage." Mr.

Singer defended the selection of

Miss Carlson, who will provide

the entertainment along with Steve Allen, the comedian and

"Miss America is an excellent

role model for young women," Mr. Singer said. "She has not just

beauty, but talent. She was an honor student at Stanford, stud-

ied a year at Oxford, has been

accepted at Harvard Law School

While the Washington dinner is going on, the Swedish consul

general in New York, Arne Thoren, will be bolding a dinner

in his apartment for American

of the Nobel Prize in Economics,

said the Washington dinner was

Mr. Singer said his group, the

American Nobel Anniversary Committee, was founded in 1942

by Albert Einstein and that it

had oever put itself forward as

being sanctioned by Stockholm. When told that Mr. Leontief

bad complained that industrial-

ists seemed to predominate in

the organization, Mr. Singer

said: "Nobel was an outstanding

businessman as well as a scien-

tist. It is a snobbish, chitist view

Mr. Leontief, the 1973 winner

winners of the Nobel prize.

a "publicity stunt."

and is a classical violinist."

quartet, not Miss America."



Senator Bill Bradley

A convocation will discuss

"How Business Leaders and Sci-

entists Can Help in the Post-

Nuclear Peace Process." Among the scheduled participants are

President Oscar Arias Sánchez of

Costa Rica, who won the Nobel

Commenting on the Washington event, Mr. Thoren, the Swedish counsel general, said, "There is only one Nobel Foundation."

Referring to Mr. Singer's organization, he said: "This committee

is not done with any blessings

from Stockholm. There is noth-

ing illegal, but the Swedish gov-

The Swedish amhassador

Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister,

said of Mr. Singer's organiza-

tion, "It is not connected to the

Nobel Committee, which is ob-

The Nobel Foundation's exec-

utive director, Stig Ramel, said in a telephone interview from

Stockholm, "We told Dr. Singer that we did not like what he was

doing." Mr. Ramel said his orga-

nization was concerned that peo-

ple might get the impression that

the American group was sanc-

Despite all the criticism, Mr.

Singer seems to be the winner in

the numbers game. He said he

expected 20 Nobel laureates at

his dinner. Mr. Thoren said he

expected 10 or 11, including Mr.

"I'm delighted that he is going to that dinner and not ours," Mr.

tioned by the foundation.

iccing to it."

ernment is not applauding it."

Peace Prize in 1987.

Diarrhea Remains **Major Child Killer**

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Diarrhea, an easily treated illness not thought to be a major cause of death in the United States or other developed countries, kills hundreds of infants in the United States each year, most of them in the South, according to a surprising new study by the Centers for Disease Control in At-

"I was astonished" at the findings, Dr. Mei-Shang Ho, an epidemiologist who directed the study,

Diarrhea is a major killer in the Third World, where an estimated 4.5 million children die from it each year. That mortality toll is exceeded only by deaths from respiratory

But this study is the first indication that deaths from diarrhea "constitute an important and pre-ventable fraction" of infant mortality in the United States, the investigators said in the report of their study, which appears in Thursday's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study found that from 1973 through 1983, 5,539 American children I month to 4 years old died from diarrhea. That is an average of 504 a year, although the number of deaths declined gradually from 719 in 1973 to 372 in 1983. About 200,000 children under five are bospitalized each year because of

diarrhea, according to Dr. Ho. While diarrhea accounts for only

Report Is Issued On Rights Abuses

WASHINGTON - The Soviet Union, South Africa, Chile, Czechoslovakia and the Philippines were the year's worst offenders among 61 nations named in a report detailing abuse of human

rights monitors. The report by Human Rights Watch said that despite improvements under President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet Union still "loomed large" among those countries that harassed monitors journalists, lawyers, clergy, government officials and others who a small proportion of all infant deaths and the number of such deaths appears to be dropping, the study report says, diarrheal deaths nevertheless "deserve special attention" because "preventable measures for acute diarrheal deaths are well-known and readily available."

The primary treatment for diarrheal disease is called oral rehydration therapy, a simple and wellknown measure used widely around the world. It does not treat the disease directly by attacking the viruses, bacteria or protozoa that cause diarrhea. Rather, it resupplies the body with water, sugar, sodium and potassium. It is the massive loss of these elements that accounts for most diarrhea deaths.

The ingredients come either in small packets to he dissolved in water, or in bottles, already mixed. They are inexpensive and readily available over the counter in any drugstore, Dr. Ho said.

The Centers for Disease Control study found that most of the diarrheal deaths occurred in the South, that they reached a seasonal peak in the winter, and that they were caused primarily by a viral pathogen called rotavirus.

Black infants were four times more likely to die of diarrhea than were white infants, the study



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Afghanistan: Just Get Out

Mikhail Gorbachev pronounces it "obvious" that "the threat or use of force no longer can or must be an instrument of foreign policy," and many people are hailing his statement. The first and best place to look to see how deep Soviet commitment is to that high principle, however, is Afghanistan. There the Soviet Union has used force as an instrument of its foreign policy for nearly a decade, to murderous effect. The United Nations would have been a fine forum in which to report that the Soviet Union is ending that policy. Instead Mr. Gorbachev announced a new set of proposals whose effect could be to prolong it.

Everything the Soviet leader said sounded plausible enough. There should be a cease-fire on Jan. 1, a mutual cutoff of arms supplies by Moscow and Washington, a: United Nations peacekeeping force on sta-tion while a broad-based government is formed and an early international conference held to neutralize and demilitarize Afghanistan. But this plan sweeps blithely by the prior Soviet pledge, at Geneva, simply to get out of the country by Feb. 15. The new plan is a form of relief to the Kabul

evidently would like to see survive at least for a while after their troops leave. But it is precisely the Soviet effort to prop up a regime without its own popular base that is the principal cause of the continuing violence in Afghanistan. The kind of political settlement Moscow wants is a recipe for more war.

It is not clear whether Mr. Gorbachev is setting new conditions to Soviet withdrawal or whether he has another strategy in mind In any event, the single thing most Afghans want from Moscow is for it to leave them alone. The Soviet Union has already begun talks with the Afghan resistance in which its minimal purpose apparently is to ensure its troops a safe exit; in return it is in a position to stop bombing Afghan cities. The resistance, divided as it is, is the likeliest source of a successor government in Kabul. These are the people the Soviets must accommodate if they wish to exercise any lingering influence in the country. It is not only late in the day but beside the main point to bring up a whole new set of diversionary proposals. The operative word is "out." -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Alfonsin's Rocky Ship

When a country's recent history has been tary honor" to the army. Some of the milias turbulent as Argentina's, it is unreasonable to expect the transition to democracy to be smooth or easy. The crucial thing about the military revolt there over the past week is that it failed. It was the third of these mutinies in the past 20 months, or perhaps the third episode in the same continning mutiny. Once again only a few hundred men followed the colonel who instigated it. Once again the rest of the army refused to join. They also refused to attack the rebels, but stood aside passively while the affair lost momentum and collapsed.

The most moving and heartening moment in this drama was the outpouring of tens of thousands of Argentines last Saturday night in front of the national Congress in support of the democratic government that has ruled them for the five years since the military junta fell. The crowd was responding to appeals from all of the country's major political parties. If anyone doubted the depth of public support for an elected government that respects human rights, the question was settled that night. The size of the gathering and the unanimity of the parties were the most serious kind of warning to ambitious military officers who might have been tempted to join the rebels. The leader of the mutiny said at one

point that his purpose was to "restore mili-

tary officers vehemently resent the civilian government's persistence in prosecuting the commanders who were responsible for the systematic use of torture, and for thousands of murders, under the seven years of military rule. The prosecutions have compounded the bitterness in the army over its defeat in 1982 by the British in the Falkland Islands. It is unfortunate but not surprising that the loyalties of some of the officers to the new constitution are unsteady.

President Raúl Alfonsin has again restored order with minimal bloodshed. There is much speculation in Argentina as to whether he negotiated with the rebels, as be pledged not to do. Apparently there were conversations through intermediaries; since the loyal units of the army refused to attack the rebels, it could hardly have been otherwise. But there is no sign so far that he gave away anything substantial.

Argentine democracy, despite this vic-tory, can hardly be described as secure. Mr. Alfonsin's term is ending, and no doubt there will be other crises before the presidential election in May. But civilian rule has now prevailed against this third and most dangerous of the military rebellions, with a showing of public support that may actually have left it stronger than before.

The Van Buren Parallel

President-elect George Bush celebrated on Wednesday his most memorable blooper as a candidate by throwing a party for 90odd reporters who covered his every move during the presidential campaign.
The blooper was his ringing declaration

on Sept. 7 that "47 years ago from this very day we were hit and hit hard in Pearl Harbor." The right date, of course, was Dec. 7, and that was the good-natured ison for the reunion

Partygoers received Martin Van Buren Tshirts. The reason, as most electoral trivia buffs know, is that Mr. Bush this year became the first incumbent vice president to be elected president since Mr. Van Buren won in 1836. But few of them know that

Dec. 7 was also the I52d anniversary of Mr. Van Buren's big moment.

Back then, Election Day varied from state to state. With five contestants, including William Henry Harrison and Daniel Webster, Mr. Van Buren's victory was not clear until just before the Electoral College met on Dec. 7. His running mate, Richard Johnson, missed a majority by one vote. He was elected later by the Senate.

see much to celebrate in the Johnson story. And even Mr. Bush will hope that the Van Buren parallel stops here. In 1840, Mr. Johnson was dropped from the ticket, and Mr. Van Buren lost.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Gorbachev Keeps Marching

Mikhail Gorbachev knows that his two principal adversaries are time and the deadweight of the society he has sworn to transform. That explains his flood of foreign-policy initiatives: It is easier to help resolve a regional conflict or even to slow the arms race than to transform a posillanimous bureaucrat into a competent expert, a muchik whose capacity to reason has been blunted by 70 years of terror into a conscientions farmer, or an alcohol-deadened laborer into a careful and punctual worker. It remains to be seen whether he will

succeed in imposing his point of view on his more conservative colleagues. The resignation of Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev as chief of staff shows clearly that resistance is strong. That surely is why the general secretary set off on this forced march, as if better to exhaust the guardians of the old order. Conscious of his popularity in the West, be makes the West a witness to his intentions - in hopes of yanking the Soviet masses from their skeptical torpor.

- Le Monde (Paris).

The talks in Vienna on reduction of NATO and Warsaw Pact ground forces have gotten nowhere for years. A psychological breakthrough was needed, and now Mr. Gorbachev has provided it.

It appears that something else was also needed; a reshuffle of the Moscow military establishment. The sudden resignation of Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet chief of staff, suggests that something important is afoot at the highest levels of Soviet military policy-making. The undeniable impression [is] that opponents of Mr. Gorbachev's approach are losing an important argument.

Voluntary troop reductions on the Soviet-Chinese border should encourage all in

East Asia. This is, therefore, good news for everybody living between Germany and Outer Mongolia, and beyond: seasonal cheer on a global scale.

- The Japan Times (Tokyo).

Mr. Gorbachev seems to have concluded that he cannot get the economic aid be needs from Western Europe, or lure it away from its U.S. alliance, so long as he maintains a menacing strike force east of the Elbe. Hence his insistence that Soviet forces have adopted a defensive doctrine. His aim is to promote the anti-nuclear movement so that NATO. having given up intermediate range missiles. will be denied the tactical nuclear weapons and dual-capable aircraft it needs to counter Soviet conventional superiority.

- The Baltimore Sun.

You can talk for hours about the imbalance that would continue to exist after Mr. Gorbachev's reductions. But it is beyond doubt that the initiative is unique and important. And the announcement that the first arms factories will be turned into civil facilities makes it clear that the decision is not made for the sake of propaganda. It is based on the knowledge that economic reforms are not possible if the massive costs that go into the military machinery are not decreased. - De Standaard (Brussels).

Who could have supposed when Mikhail Gorbachev came before the United Nations to plead for deeper forms of international cooperation that Ronald Reagan would answer his call within 24 hours by offering to aid the victims of a devastating earthquake? Should the Kremlin decide to accept the U.S. offer, one of the greatest natural tragedies of our century could still spawn a human triumph in superpower cooperation.

- Syndicated columnist Andrew J. Glass.

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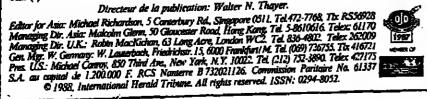
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OPINION

Gorbachev Made a Virtue of These Necessities A Masterful

WASHINGTON — Mikhail Gorbachev's tri-umph in the United States stands in dramatic contrast to his mounting economic and ethnic troubles at home. The American media generally treated the visiting Soviet first couple as if they were a cross between the messiah and Prince Charles and Diana. Yet, inside the Soviet Union, Mr. Gorbachev is increasingly perceived as a belea-guered imperial leader in desperate need of foreign successes to compensate for domestic setbacks.

The general secretary's speech to the United Nations General Assembly was a bold attempt to make a virtue out of necessity and to use Soviet limitations to enhance Moscow's global influence. Mr. Gorbachev deserves credit for being a practical, imagina-tive statesman. He understands that there has often been more bank than bite to Soviet foreign policy.

By building more weapons than it needed for any

conceivable military mission, and by engaging in more Third World conflicts than it could handle, Moscow was needlessly alienating the rest of the world. The Kremlin leader decided to discipline the Soviet national security process and to subject Soviet international activities to cost/benefit analysis.

Mr. Gorbachev's announcement regarding unilateral cuts in Soviet conventional forces reflects both Soviet military and public relations require-ments. Completely apart from the Kremlin's new international moderation, the movement for military reform is gaining momentum in the Soviet Union. A growing number of younger military officers publicly argue that the Soviet military machine is too large to be effective. They are The reduction of the Series armed forces by

The reduction of the Soviet armed forces by 500,000 men, 10,000 tanks and 800 combat aircraft should not give these Moscow military reformers pause. The personnel cuts will approach 10 percent of overall Soviet numerical strength and can be accomplished entirely at the expense of reserve, civil defense and construction units. Similarly, with 19,300 T-5455 Korean War-vintage tanks and more than 900 MiG-23 fighters inherited from the 1960s, the Kremlin can easily scrap a lot of obso-

lete systems without sacrificing military muscle.

Nor is it much of a Christmas gift on Mr. Gorbachev's part to call for "de-ideologization of relations among states." Soviet clients among Third World Marxist regimes proved to be more of a costly embarrassment than a geopolitical asset. All Warsaw Pact governments require some form of Soviet subsidy and security aid. For a country with a discredited ideology to occupy a high moral By Dimitri K. Simes

ground by emphasizing common human interests

is not an act of generosity. Perestroika will eventually succeed or fail on its own merits. But in the short run, Mr. Gorbachev may be dependent on Western credits, technology and, most urgently, consumer goods to help the Soviet economy through the period of disruptions that, in large measure, is caused by his own reforms. It surely fits his objectives to persuade America and its allies that Soviet success is in the West's best interest as well.

Many of Mr. Gorbachev's initiatives are indeed refreshing and encouraging. Even if he greatly overstates the scope of Moscow's new thinking. there is clearly minch more to his reforms than lulling the West into a false sense of security.

But Mr. Gorbachev is not just another formida-ble statesman. He is a formidable leader of a rival superpower who makes no secret of his intent to reshape the world order according to Soviet interests and values. His definition of "freedom of choice" in the world refers more to regimes than to people. It does not promise anything to indepen-dent-minded Estonians, but does provide legitima-

cy to the Gadhafis and Ortegas.
His Third World debt moratorium proposal puts Moscow squarely on the side of the South against the North in disputes over redistribution of global wealth. The idea is self-serving: Third World debt due the Soviet Union amounts, at most, to \$25 billion in hard corrency, in comparison with about \$150 billion in the U.S. case. And surely there is little for America in the general secretary's suggestion to give a greater role to the United Nations, with its airly stable anti-American majority.

Mr. Gorbachev deserves the sympathy and even the admiration of Americans. But this should be a grudging admiration — the sort reserved for honorable opponents bravely fighting against considerable odds - and not the support one would give to a new-found friend.

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One Good Arms Cut Doesn't Always Deserve Another

N EW YORK — Mikhail Gorba-chev's speech to the United Nations, in its announcement of a dramatic reduction and redirection of Soviet conventional forces, is an event of high importance, and the first response of the U.S. government is excellent: President Reagan heartily approves and President-elect George Bush agrees with him.

It is to Mr. Bush's advantage, in

this situation, that Mr. Gorbachev's announcement comes at a time when everyone knows that the United States is in that quadrennial intermission, between election and inauguration, in which neither the outgoing nor the incoming president can speak with authority about the future."

Thus, there is time for the searching review of defense and arms control policy that Mr. Bush has already lies about what the Soviet leader's speech does and does not mean.

There is also much to think about. First, we must avoid the trap of supposing simply that one good decision - or speech - deserves another. In particular, it would be wrong to suppose that a reduction of Soviet conventional forces in Europe justifies a reduction in American forces there.

have been excessive in quantity and course, an appropriate response. But offensive in shape; America's have the conventional forces of the Westoffensive in shape; America's have not. Neither the United States nor its allies has ever supposed, as the Soviets have, that a capacity for offensive conventional action was essential. Both European and U.S. conventional deployments have had a much more limited and centrally political role — to make it clear to all that

there can be no easy pickings for any aggressor in Europe.
The U.S. divisions in Europe, in particular, are there as a guarantee that there can be no aggression with out a wholly unacceptable danger of superpower war. What number of divisions is right for this essentially political purpose is a good question, but the answer does not depend cen-

It is of cardinal importance that Mr. Gorbachev's decision was unconditional and unilateral. It derives from his conviction that it is in the national interest of the Soviet Union to shift away its overcommitment to conventional forces that are unnecessarily large and unprofitably threatening.

This decision is wise and brave, and it deserves the approval it has

By McGeorge Bundy Teller's words, that "a complete de-

> ern alliance do not have either excessive size or threatening posture. What the new administration must consider instead is the same large question that has led Mr. Gorbachev to his big decision: What does and does not make sense in the current military posture of the United States?

The largest question ahead is not U.S. divisions in Europe; they more than pay their way. America's real troubles are elsewhere, generally in its extraordinary mismanagement of procurement, and specifically in the failure to make sense of the great question of strategic defense. Mr. Bush's understanding of the

importance of these two questions is already clear. He is trying to attack the first one by finding not just one leader for the Pentagon but a team. He must attack the second by the kind of study that Ronald Reagan never made before he committed himself to an impossible dream.

The new administration inherits

Ronald Reagan's dream of a leakproof strategic space shield at a time when everyone but Mr. Reagan him-Soviet conventional deployments been given; it also deserves, in due self knows, in the physicist Edward

fense is completely impossible."

The Bush administration can clean

In its fresh assessments, the new administration should not let itself be hurried, by Mr. Gorbachev or anyone else. We should remember that Mr. Gorbachev's dramatic decision comes in the fourth year of his leadership, and we should remember also that other presidents have stumbled in seeking a fast start.

Properly considered, the Gorbachev speech gives time by lowering tension. It should be a stimulus to careful thought, not hasty action.

uted this to The New York Times.

up this mess by getting and telling the truth. When it has done that, it will have opened the door to choices that can offer progress in strategic arms control. It is more than possible that the first step in such progress could be a brave and lonely decision by George Bush - a decision that would reconcile essential research requirements with the continuation of America's basic agreement not to de-

ploy destabilizing strategic defenses.

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Eleanor Roosevelt's Legacy: The Rights Declaration

By Richard N. Gardner

N EW YORK — On Dec. 10, 1948, at 3 A.M., the United Nations General Assembly, meeting in Paris, adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stands to this day as the most widely recognized statement of the rights to which every

person on our planet is entitled.

Then something happened that never happened in the United Nations before or since. The delegates rose to give a standing ovation to a single delegate, a shy, elderly lady with a rather formal demeanor but a very warm smile. Her name, of course, was Eleanor Roosevelt.

The Universal Declaration was not a binding treaty, only a "standard of achievement" to which nations should aspire. But it has now been published in the native languages of all countries, serving as a rallying point for such diverse victims of oppression as Lech Walesa in Poland and Nelson Mandela in South Africa. It is used as a yardstick to measure governmental performance both by UN bodies and nongovernmental organizations. It has influenced the constitutions and legislation of many states and is the main source of inspiration for more than 20 legally binding human rights treaties

and for human rights institutions in Europe and Latin America.

In January 1947, when the UN Commission on Human Rights was established, Mrs. Roosevelt, who had been appointed a UN delegate by President Harry Truman a year be-fore, was promptly elected chairman. She soon found herself embroiled in

bitter confrontations with the Russians. They meant something quite different by the terms "freedom" and "democracy." They wanted a provi-sion after each article saying it was up to the state to determine whether specific right was being observed. And they pushed for the inclusion of economic and social rights — rights to employment, education, health care— which they said were no less important than political rights. After some discussion, Mrs. Roosevelt persuaded the State Department to accept the inclusion of economic rights. Had not President Roosevelt, after all, framed the postwar goal of "freedom from want"

"everywhere in the world"? Despite this move to meet them part way, the Russians were stonewalling. They had decided that the

Universal Declaration would not be to their liking. They made vitriolic harangues on racial discrimination

and unemployment in America. When a Russian delegate turned to the theme of the plight of black Americans, Mrs. Roosevelt proposed that the Russians could send a team to observe racial problems in the United States if the United States could do the same in the Soviet Union. "The Russians seem to have met their match in Mrs. Roosevelt,"

The New York Times observed. Determined to press the declaration to completion, Mrs. Roosevelt drove her colleagues mercilessly. There were 16-hour days, and some delegates may secretly have whispered the prayer as-cribed to President Roosevelt: "O Lord, make Eleanor tired!" A delegate from Panama begged Mrs. Roosevelt to remember that UN delegates have human rights, too. By the summer of 1948, the Uni-

versal Declaration had finally taken shape. Framed as Mrs. Roosevelt wanted, in simple and eloquent prose, it drew heavily on the American Bill of Rights, the British Magna Carta and the French Declaration of the Rights of Man. It consisted of a preamble and 30 articles setting forth fundamental rights and freedoms.

Article I set the basic philosophy of the declaration: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act toward one another in a spirit of brotherhood." Article 2 set out the principle of nondiscrimination. Articles 3 through 21 laid down political and civil rights, including the right to life, liberty and property; freedom from torture or degrading treatment or punishment; freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention or exile; the right to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal; freedom of thought and religion; freedom of expression; the right to peaceful assembly and association.

Articles 22 through 27 established ATHENS—The Greek fleet is about economic, social and cultural rights. to leave for Crete, where the new Gov-These included the right to work; the right to social security; the right to of the island to the kingdom of Greece. equal pay for equal work; the right to rest and leisure; the right to an ade-quate standard of living; the right to salute the Greek flag as it is hoisted over education; and the right to participate the forcess of Canea, where four years ed against the unity of Polands.

in the cultural life of the community. When the General Assembly con-vened in Paris in the fall of 1948, the Soviets were blockading Berlin. Speaking in French at the Sorbonne, Mrs. Roosevelt said that the Russians' failure to respect human rights was now a major obstacle to world peace. When the declaration was finally adopted, Ambassador Charles Malik of Lebanon declared: "I do not see how without her presence we could have accomplished what we actually did accomplish."

Although Mrs. Roosevelt was proud of her role in shaping the Universal Declaration, she was a realist. She knew its words were not selfenforcing. The real challenge, she liked to tell UN delegates in later years, was one of "actually living and working in our countries for freedom and justice for each human being."
That is a challenge she readily accepted, and her example is one that inspires us today.

The writer, a professor of international law at Columbia University, was ambassador to Italy from 1977 to 1981. He wrote this for The New York Times.

Mix of Beef And Guff

By Charles Kranthammer

WASHINGTON — Mikhail Gorbachev proved again at the United Nations that he is the most formidable political presence of our era. His UN speech was a grand performance, full with vision and stope and concrete initiatives. If contained all the right gestures and touched all the right bases. A White House word master could have improved the sound, but not the effect.

Like all of Mr. Gorbachev speeches, this one was a maximin mixture of beef and guff. The pur came in two parts. First, Mr. Gorbs. chev offered a one-world vision to cozy that Jerry Brown could have bought it. He talked about universal human interests, universal human values, the universal human des, the democratization of the world, the impossibility of a closed society, inter-

The reason all this talk of co-development and co-creation is to be taken at less than face value is that, with the possible exception of France, the Soviet Union remains the world's most adept and most cynical practitioner of realpolitik. Its maneuvers in the Gulf, in Central America and in Afghahistan have nothing to do with onestan have nothing to do with one-worldism and everything to do with the advancement of Soviet interest. Then there was the guff in the fosm of concrete, and subtly mischievous, proposals. Mr. Gorbachev repeated the Soviet call for relieving. Third World borrowers of their debt. Easy

for him to say. It's not his money. His proposal on Afghanistan was even more clever, and retrograde. He did not once mention the Soviet commitment to evacuate Afghanistan by Feb. 15. He proposed instead a ceasefire in place by Jan. I, a cutoff of arms shipment to both sides, and a UN peacekeeping force to partol what would then be a partitioned Afghanistan (Kabul and the northern parts being Soviet controlled, the south ceded to the feuding mujanidin). The idea is transparent: to shivage half of Afghanistan just as the Soviets are about to lose all of it.

But there was beef in the speech, too, Mr. Gorbachev offered to reduce the Warsaw Pact's conventional su-periority in the European theater and to reconfigure the remaining forces in a less threatening way. The offer was dramatic. But it is impossible to judge how significant a change if will make in the military imbalance in Europe until it is actually carried out.

The devil is in the details.

For example, Mr. Gorbachev pledged to remove six tank divisions from Eastern Europe Fine But the impact of this move will depend wholly on the quality and location of the six divisions. What happens to their infrastructure? Will the equipment be destroyed or reintegrated into other parts of the military? Or is it shipped to Third World sucrogates like Victnam and Nicaragua?

Tellingly, the list of East European countries from which Mr. Gorbachev would reduce forces excluded Poland. Moreover, when you take away tank units, you replace them with mechanized infantry. And, as Steven Camby of Georgetown University notes, mechanized infantry is the better instrument for controlling civil disorder. Tanks are for blitzkneg. Mechanized infantry is for imperial control of the provinces. Mr. Gorbachev may indeed be changing the mission of his Europe-

an army from attack on the West to occupation of the East. There is much public debate in the Soviet military about streamlining by climinating redundancy and empha-sizing professionalism. Hence Mr. Gorbachev's pledge to reduce the number of Soviet tanks by 10,000. Out of 53,000 that is a high-sounding per-centage. But 20,000 of these tanks are the aging T-54s and T-55s. If half are replaced by the Soviets' most modern battle tanks, the Soviet tank forces may be leaner but no less threatening.

Mr. Gorbachev's unilateral gesture is a political masterstroke. It enables him to restructure Soviet forces in a way favorable to him, but for which he can now gamer the maximum public relations benefit — it addresses the central anxiety of Western Europe, the nightmare of surprise Soviet attack This is not to say that his move is

significant. It is only to say that its ultimate military significance is, as of today, indeterminate. Not so its politi-cal significance. It is a coup. Putting pressure on George Bush two months before be can even respond, it con-firms Mikhail Gorbachev's position as the greatest politician of our era.

Mr. Bush thinks be has a hard act to

follow in Ronald Reagon. That is nothing compared to what he will have to do to match Mikhail Gorbachev. Washington Post Writers Group.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: Anarchists' Manual

PARIS - A little handbook of forty naces has been distributed in the working men's quarters in Paris. It is a complete manual of the practical anarchist. It explains how to make and how to use explosives such as nitro-glycerine, rack-à-rock, bombes asphyxiantes, &c. The author urges his compagnons to use nitro-glycerine in a particular way that he carefully specifies, "because a much superior result will be obtained, and the risk of accidents will be diminished." A very ingenious way of destroying letters and voting tickets is also pointed out.

1913: Crete to the Greeks

ATHENS - The Greek fleet is about

and the sailors of the protecting Powers were obliged to lower it.

1938: Ukrainian Demand

WARSAW - The seven and a halfmillion Polish Ukrainians, who in-habit the whole of southeastern Poland, constituting a third of the entire country, formally demanded autonomy for their territory today [Dec. 9] in a motion laid by their Parliaments ry representatives before the Diet. Although the Ukrainian automous movement has been under way since some of the former Russian Ukrain an provinces were transferred to Po-land after the World War, the Ukranians' demand produced the effect of a bombshell in Polish political carries. who interpreted the move as part of a concerted action by all Ukrainians in Eastern Europe to form themselves into an independent state. In mile nant terms, the Polish press flatty rejected the Ukrainian demand, de-

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By Jackson Diehl

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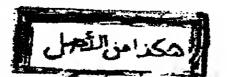
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For the Soldiers of Peace

T HE award of the Nobel Peace Prize to United Nations peacekeeping

of soldiers as a catalyst for peace rather than as an instrument of war.

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former units. They were on their own in someone else's war.

operations honors the 40-year pursuit of a great experiment: the use

When the first UN military observers took up their hazardous tasks in

Their function was to achieve and maintain a cease-fire, to move

between the antagonists, defusing frictions and straightening out danger-

ous misunderstandings, and to give the United Nations and the outside

world an objective account of what was happening. Their only weapons were their impartiality and their UN mandate; their only protection,

respect for their function and for the world organization they served.

Peacekeeping forces were a radical innovation in 1956. UN soldiers are

required, against all tradition and training, to operate in a war zone without using their weapons. They must at all times respect the sovereignty of the countries in which they are operating. The most delicate issues of

military psychology, national sovereignty, international politics, and

That international peacekeeping has now become an almost rounne activity is the best tribute to its architects — Ralph Bunche, Dag

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- Brian Urquhart, former UN undersecretary-general,

writing in The Washington Post.

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Mr. Reagan, flanked by a Christmas tree, holding his final press conference Friday.

For Reagan, End of Ritual Ordeal At His Final Press Conference, He Lauds Gorbachev

By Lou Cannon and Bill McAllister

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan has praised President Mikhail S. Gorbachev as a new type of Soviet leader who has made possible better relations between the superpowers.

At what was expected to be his final news conference as president, Mr. Reagan said Thursday that he viewed the Soviet Union as less threatening than he feared eight years ago when he spoke harshly of a nation whose leaders would willingly commit crimes to pursue their goal of world

Mr. Reagan said that he believed that Mr. Gorbachev realized that the huge Soviet arms builden had been "responsible for the great economic crisis that

Mr. Reagan said his new view was more the result of changes in the Soviet leadership than in his own thinking. But the president made clear in his responses to numerous questions about his meetings with Mr. Gorbachev that he believed the Soviets were moving away from the expansionism that Mr. Reagan has frequently denounced in the past. There is evidence that they

don't like being the pariah, that they want to join the family of nations," the president said.

Asked about what he thought Mr. Gorbachev's chances were for surviving internal resistance. the president said that the Soviet leader was "battling a bureaucracy" that was likely to resist his efforts to change the country. But, the president, said, "It's very evident that the people of the Soviet Union are on his

ence in the East Room, Mr. Reagan's fourth formal news conference this year, produced no startling revelations. Mr. Reagan turned aside suggestions that the federal deficit accumulated under his eight years in office was entirely the fault of tax cuts his administration supported.

"One cannot say all of this happened because we cut taxes," the president said, citing deficits that occurred during the many years Congress had been controlled by Democrats. "We inherited deficit spending that was built into government," he said. Mr. Reagan said he would be "deeply disturbed" if President-elect George Bush reneged on his promise not to raise taxes and added, "I don't think it's going to happen." .:: -

The budget can be balanced by 1993 under plans the Reagan dministration has devised, and the oext administration will not "have to touch Social Security and raise taxes," he said.

The president said he believed Mr. Bush would support the contra rebels in Nicaragua as strongly as he had. "Ohviously I doo't try to pin him to the wall," Mr. Reagan said, "but I believe he agrees with me."

Mr. Reagan also repeated his support for Secretary of State George P. Shultz's decision to deny Yasser Arafat, the chair-man of the Palestine Liberation Organization, a visa to permit him to address the United Nations. Mr. Reagan described Mr. Arafat's latest statements as unsatisfactory.

The president said that al-though the PLO leader had made statements supporting Israel's right to exist and denouncing terrorism, Mr. Arafat "left open-ings for himself" that would allow him to retreat from those positions. Acknowledging Israel's right to exist and renouncing terrorism are two conditions the United States has said the PLO must meet before the United States will meet with the organization

Sakharov Urges Soviets To End Rights Abuses And Curb the Military

By Meg Bortin tional Herald Tribune

PARIS - Andrei D. Sakharov. the Soviet dissident and physicist. to strengthen civil rights.

Stopping in France oo his way bome from the United States, Mr. Sakharov went straight into a press

conference at the Soviet Embassy. There, flanked by officials from Moscow, he denounced what he called continuing flagrant vinlations of the rights of Soviet citizens.

He blamed errors by the Kremlin leadership for creating a situation that had forced tens of thousands of Armenians to flee "threats and terror" in Azerbaijan before an earthquake wreaked further devastation on the sefugee population.

And while praising President Mikhail S. Gorbachev as a skilled politician, he warned that any easing of Western pressure on the So-viet Union for continued liberalization could torpedo the process of change and endanger the world.

Mr. Sakharov, who is on his first visit to France, is to attend celebrations Saturday marking the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Others arriving at the invitation of President François Mitterrand include Lech Walesa, the leader of the hanned Solidarity trade union in Poland, and Yelena G. Bonner, Mr. Sakharov's wife.

Asked about Mr. Gorbachev's announcement of unilateral troop reductions, Mr. Sakharov said, "I believe that this initiative hy the Soviet Union has colossal impor-

But he urged Mr. Gorbachev to do more by halving the period of mandatory military conscription, currently two years for the army and three for the cavy, and reducing Soviet arsenals at the same

Mr. Sakharov was asked about the arrest last mooth of Sergei I. Grigoryants, the former political prisoner and editor of the independent magazine Glasnost, who was imprisoned for 30 days while on an information-gathering visit to Ar-

"This seems to me to be a fla-grant violation of all democratic rights," Mr. Sakharov said.

When asked whether his presence at the embassy was a sign of

been coopted by the system, he replied, unperturbed, that he had never wavered in his attitudes.

"I have had no reason to turn arrived Friday for a weekend of back in any way on my positions." buman rights activities and immediately urged further Kremlin action to reduce the armed forces and ing out against the Soviet invasion out against the Soviet invasion in the Soviet invasion to reduce the armed forces and ing out against the Soviet invasion in the Soviet inv of Afghanistan. "Yes, I suffered reprisals, but I was not alone."

"Many, but not all, political prisoners have been freed," he said. "but they have oot been rehabilitated, that is, the authorities have out recognized the erroneous na-ture of their incarceration."

Mr. Sakharov, who won the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize for his buman rights activities, said that the Kremlin had also erred in its handling of the territorial dispute over the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region, which has left dozens of Armenians and Azerbaijanis dead in ethnic bloodshed.

But he said that the border issue must be relegated to the background as Armenia seeks to recover from the earthquake that struck Wednesday, killing tens of thou-sands of people. He appealed to the Red Cross, the World Health Organization and other international



Mr. Sakharov standing by a painting of Lenin after his press conference Friday in Paris.

Arms Cuts May Be Boon for Soviet Allies

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

PRAGUE - The decision hy the Soviet Union to cut its conventional weapons carries the possibil-ity of considerable economic relief for some parts of Eastern Europe, hut also of accelerated political

The decision comes when the Warsaw Pact appears deeply split on several key issues.

The question facing individual governments is the extent to which the Soviet decision meets their own agendas for military spending cuts. economic revitalization and political change.

Thus, the government in Hunga-ry welcomed the decision as a "pre-Christmas gift" that might open the door to military spending curbs in its own tight hudget, and future said the Czechoslovak authorities reductions in conscription to save appeared reductant to see the Sovi-

The defense minister, Colonel General Ferenc Karpati, was quoted by Hungarian radio as tell- . In East Germany, where the rereal progress or meant that be had ing a parliamentary defense com- duetion in conventional forces Union.

mittee that troop cuts also planned would be minimally felt, given the by Moscow might affect as many as one-fourth of the approximately 65,000 Soviet troops in the country. He suggested that Huogary

might be able to cut military spend-

ing by 10 to 17 percent, possibly reducing troop levels. Hungary and Poland, whose vernment also warmly welcomed the Soviet decision, have been alone in the Warsaw Pact in an-

cuts in military spending. In Czechoslovakia, which has about 80,000 Soviet troops oo its soil, the leadership under Milos Jakes, in a relatively cool reaction, said the cuts would take place "with the full understanding" of

ets withdraw anything more than one of five divisions stationed in the country.

ECONOMY:

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presence of 19 Soviet divisions, the leader. Erich Hooecker, was quoted as calling the Soviet announcement "of immense historic importance" and meriting "great respect and approval." Western analysts in Prague were

cision as inspired by a desire to ohtain room for military speeding cuts in order to free resources for nouncing their intention to seek investment under the oext five-year plan beginning in 1991. East-bloc governments, one for-

inclined to interpret the Soviet de-

eign diplomat said, "must draw the conclusion that if the Soviets do it, it is right for them to follow suit." But foreign diplomats also em-phasized the potential of the Soviet

move for stimulating political change within the East bloc, particularly in countries like Czechoslovakia and East Germany, where the leadership has been slow to get in line with the restructuring stimulated hy President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's program in the Soviet

"The decision will certainly raise expectations," one diplomat said, "as people see signs of change that may encourage them to be more politically active."

It remains unclear just how intense the process of consultation between Moscow and its East-bloc allies was, and to what extent details of the reductions have been

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Mitterrand Meets Czech Dissidents

By Jackson Dichl

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"All conversations took a very practical turn," Mr. Mitterrand said at a press conference Friday of his talks with the leadership. "Homan rights must remain one of the basic objectives of all rapprochement between our peoples, espe-cially on the European continent."

The president's visit marked an Ty to build stronger ties with the Warsaw Pact countries. Mr. Mitterand, who visited the Soviet Union last month, also has announced plans for trings to Pulsario. A STARK

> In his remarks at a state banquet on Thursday evening, Mr. Mitter-rand praised both the democratic record of Czechoslovakia's pre-World War II government and the 1968 "Prague Spring" reform movement of Alexander Dubcek. which Mr. Jakes and Mr. Husak helped to supress after the Soviet

He said that the leaders of the 1968 movement stood "for the values that were the goals of our own revolution" in 1789.

The Communist Party daily newspaper, Rude Pravo, which has sometimes censored the speeches of senior Soviet officials, published on Friday the full text of Mr. Mitterrand's remarks. Western observers said it was the first time Mr. Dub-.cck's name had appeared in a positive context in the state news media since his downfall.

On Friday morning, Mr. Mitter-rand had breakfast at the French Embassy with eight leading dissidents, including playwright Vaclav Havel and other members of the

Charter 77 human rights group. Mr. Havel, the unofficial leader of the opposition, said that the meeting had been an important political gesture. It was the first time a Western head of state had held such a meeting with dissidents in

Bush Team Seeks Reply to Soviet Move

By Gerald M. Boyd

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Presidentelect George Bush's foreign policy team, not yet in command and caught somewhat off guard, is grappling for a response to Mikhail S. Gorbachev's potential propa-

were a condition of continuing a military reductions was only a first recent flurry of contacts between step and that deeper cuts would be East and West European countries, needed to achieve a balance in Bot they said Mr. Gorbachev's

The aides contended Thursday

sues with the Communist Party chief, Milos Jakes, and with President Gustav Husak.

One senior Bush adviser said that while it was too early to adequately assess the overture, the Soviet leader had stirred the public's imagination. "It's clear that this man contin-

nes to hold a tremendous grip on the imagination of the world," he said. "The general secretary threw out a lot of red meat."

"Clearly, these proposals will be raised on all sides," he said of Mr. the new Democratic chairman of gan met with the Soviet leader in Gorbachev's announcement.

Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee. Wednesday after he and Mr. Rearaised on all sides," he said of Mr. the new Democratic chairman of gan met with the Soviet leader in New York, he told reporters that he

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Some officials acknowledged that it could give Mr. Bush an opening to reduce military spend-The adviser said that aides to ing thus easing severe budget diffimr. Bush now expected the plan to culties. But they also voiced conaffect bodget talks between the cern that the eagerness in Congress to cut military spending could get

tously," he said. "This was a serious Another Democrat, Senator thing and we have to prod substan- Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, said that attempts to cut military spending in response to the

> North Atlantic Treaty Organization as a possible target.
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> "Half of our defense budget goes
> to NATO," he said. "As we decide
> how to get our finances back in
> shape, this will inevitably mean an easing off there, and what Gorba-chev said will contribute to this."

thought the pian was a "good deci-But he also indicated that Moscow would have to make further troop reductions to reach levels he would deem acceptable.

Aides said that because Mr. Bush would not take office for another six weeks, he was in an awkward position. Mr. Bush said he told Mr. Gorbachev on Wednesday that he was still putting together his na-tional security team and that there was no pressure to set a strategy and establish priorities to respond

was a feeling that Mr. Bush would have to name a defense secretary soon to begin budgetary assessments and to make suggestions on how the new administration should respond.

According to aides, John G. Tower, a former Texas senator and lesding contender for the top Pentagon position, has raised several concerns about the Gorbachev plan. These included the extent to which Soviet military hardware Mr. Bush reacted with caution to would be reduced and how Mos-Mr. Gorbachev's announcement, cow would redeploy any troops re-As he returned to Washington on moved from Eastern Europe.

The next blow to Mr. Gorbachev was the Chernobyl disaster, which left 135,000 people homeless, re-cuired a costly effort to encase the to the initiative. damaged reactor in cement, and necessitated construction of several But several advisers said there new communides to bouse refu-

The third setback - of Mr. Gorbachev's own making — was a gov-ernment crackdown on drinking, a campaign intended in reduce a high rate of alcoholism and resulting problems that were hampering labor productivity.

Higher prices for vodka and re-duced supplies led to long lines outside liquor stores, and eventually to plunging sales. With other alcoholic beverages also restricted, income from the sale of liquor dropped sharply, leaving the government with a 36 billion ruble deficit of the characteristic of icit after three years.

The government, acknowledging that the crackdown was too severe, relaxed some restrictions this fall and vodka has become easier to buy io recent weeks.

Faced with public disenchantment over food shortages, housing problems, long lines for vodka, and the many other hardships of Soviet life, Mr. Gorbachev was forced to authorize the expenditure of 18 billion rubles this year in a special fund for social programs. The outbreak this year of ethnic

unrest in Armenia and the neighboring republic of Azerbaijan has been a drain on the budget, forcing the deployment of thousands of troops in the region to keep order. Soviet officials have said the cost of maintaining the units in the two republics has run into millions of

For Mr. Gorbachev and his aides, the problems have seemed a curse, undermining the economy just when it needs a boost. Like Chernobyl and the ethnie

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By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration has moved to ease the bottleneck on emigration from the Soviet Union to the United States, but some congressional crit-ics and U.S. Jewish groups say the steps are inadequate.

Responding to a request from the State Department, Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh announced Thursday that he would make extraordinary use of his parole authority to admit thousands of Armenian and Jewish emigres who have oot been accepted by the United States for refugee status.

That authority would allow applicants who have been denied refugee status to come to the United States if they can procure an affida-vit from a U.S. citizen pledging financial support. An emigré who is paroled receives no federal assis-

an American.

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resume the review of refugee applications.

turn to process refugee applications in early January.

Mr. Thomburgh's decision was criticized by representatives of U.S. Jewish groups, who challenged the assumption that some Soviet Jews do not have a vaild fear of persecution and thus should be eligible for parole and not refugee status. Representative Charles E. Schumer, a New York Democrat

subcommittee on immigration, also criticized the administration plan as "woefully inadequate." "It sends an incorrect message that Jews are oot being persecuted in the Soviet Union," he said. Micah H. Naftalin of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews also

who serves on the House Judiciary

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Bush administration and Congress service had been scheduled to recan develop a longer-term plan.

> emigres seeking to come to the straints." United States as refugees under the Soviet Union's relaxed emigration So many Soviet citizens have applied to come as refugees that the quota for such admissions was temporarily exhausted last month and the U.S. immigration service officer in Moscow was withdrawn, admitted during the current fiscal

11,000 applicants in Moscow, most of whom are Armenian, a State Department official said. The immigration service, meanwhile, has also been trying to cope with the increase in applications by rejecting those for refugee status from some Soviet Jews with Israeli visas who leave the Soviet Union and then apply in Rome to come to

the United States. These applications were denied more difficult for emigres who are paroled to become U.S. citizens. To do so, they must proceed through indirect means, such as marrying of the refugee status of the ground that these Jews did not be ground that these Jews did not have a "well-founded fear of persecution" in the Soviet Union.

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U.S. Jewish organizations.

At the heart of the problem are et emigres in Rome who "cannot be the increased number of potential admitted under current con-

> Soviets were admitted into the United States under parole procedures. A spokesman for the immigration service said that there had been no decision yet to increase the

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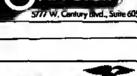
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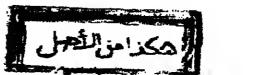
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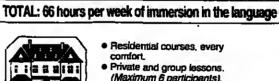
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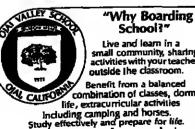
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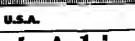
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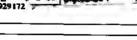
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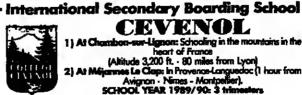
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The fairy-tale has given rise to a series of historical theories that are documented in Hameln's "Rat-Catcher House." What visitors fail to learn there is how a newcomer has varied the piper's pitch. Peter Littmann, a 41-year-old collector and businessman, has recently lured a troop of international architects and artists to Hameln.

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na dane iii peneg Littmaoo had ourtured his scheme ever since taking over management of the Vorwerk carpet works in 1982. In part, his interest had been stimulated by a brief tenure with Rosenthal, the porcelain manufacturer, which regularly produces signed, limited editions of artists' designs. "The problem, Littmann contends, "is that such products become confused with the

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Beyond Rodin: Judging Claudel in Her Own Right hair, eyes that were of an exceptionally intense blue and a wide of erotic swoon. Rodin dealt with Paul sent ber money — without almost the same subject in "L'Etertelling Camille's mother.

By Michael Gibson monal Herald Tribune

DARIS — Emerging from the sort of neglect that sometimes surrounds the object of some intensely painful memory, the tragie figure of the sculptor Camille Claudel (1864-1943) is receiving reoewed attention. Several books have been written

(in French) about her life, her work and her mental condition ("Camille Claudel" by Reine-Marie Paris, for instance); her relation-ship with Auguste Rodin is discussed by Pierre Daix in his recent biography of Rodin; an exhibition at the Odermatt-Cazeau Gallery (85 bis Rue de Faubourg Saint-Honore, to Jan. 31) assembles a dozen of her major works, and fi-"Camille Claudel," a film with Isabelle Adjani in the role of Camille and Gerard Departien as

Rodin, opened here this week. Ibsen's last play, "When We Dead Awaken" (1900) was based on what the Norwegian playwright bad heard of their relationship.

The elder sister of the poet and played a ferocious talent for sculp-ture—just as her brother would for poetry. At the age of 17 she enrolled at the Académie Colarossi fine arts. At best, they're crafts and shortly thereafter, when the whose value is inflated by marketdirector of the Beaux-Arts was ing strategies."
"Today," be says, "vast energies shown some of her work, he was surprised by its vigor and assurmay be invested in choosing every-thing from door handles to ashance: "Have you been taking lessons from Monsieur Rodin?" he trays, but carpeting often comes

She did not even know then who Rodin was, but a few years later she became first his pupil, then his assistant and finally his mistress. That liaison lasted 15 years. They had extraordinary affinities, but great obstacles lay between them. Photographs of Camille show an outstandiogly beautiful young woman. Her brother describes her

considerable culture and inclined to express berself with cutting iro-

Rodin, on the other hand, was the not-so-illiterate son of a policeman, self-taught, socially insecure, and already saddled with a servantmistress. Rose Beuret, who took a dim view of his affair with Camille. Others she might tolerate, but Camille was too dangerous a rival. The two artists clearly stimulat-

ed one another and their liaison seems to have heightened the creative vigor of both. It is said that she had one abortion; the child was probably Rodin's. But Rodin's let-ters to Camille were apparently de-stroyed by Camille or by ber mother, just as one may suppose that her letters to Rodin were burned by Rose. It seems likely, in the view of some authors, that Camille intend-ed to polish Rodin socially, make him a success (which be had not yet become at the time of their meeting) and thus overcome her family's objection to a marriage between

They lived in a strange symbiosis. Camille, as Rodin's assistant, did a lot of work on his major sculptures -he entrusted ber with the hands of his "Burghers of Calais" and with figures on his "Gate of Hell." This may have been a contributing factor in ber subsequent paranois: Rodin had signed her work and, in a sense, had robbed her of ber substance.

But even when each was producing in his or her own name, Camille's work had much in common with Rodin's. At times it can almost seem like a Rodin with a femias "splendid," with long auburn a kneeling man embraces a woman nor fed herself properly, though

She was a willful daughter of the nelle idole" (1889) except that in upper middle-class, possessing his sculpture the attitude of the a woman of peasant stock and woman is that of a proud sovereign coolly receiving her due. This is the fantasy one might more readily expect from a man who is oot entirely of a character out of Balzac. There

secure in the presence of the wom-an he has chosen as his "idol." Claudel's woman, on the other hand, is overwhelmed by the adoration she receives, and lets herself melt into a reciprocity of desire. Claudel, as a woman, knows that the proud pose of the idol is indeed a pose, that she is more suscepoble to passion than she lets on.

In 1894, 10 years after their first neeting. Camille drew away from Rodin and five years later she refused to see him anymore. Camille large number of studies in clay (remarkable vignettes of daily life, say those who saw them), but at the end of each year she destroyed every-thing and had the debris carted off to the city dump. At the same time she began to have obsessional fears: Rodin and his gang were out to kill her and steal her work.

Rodin, who was really coocerned, indeed tormented, by what be knew of her condition, occasionally tried to help. He sent friends with offers of financial assistance, but this, in her state, was regarded as a just another maneuver by an adversary who wanted to exploit her to the end: The friends were driven out with threats and ordered never to show their faces again.

At the age of 48 she hardly went out any more, her studio was kept tightly sealed as her terror of "Ronine sensitivity. Take a sculpture din's Gang" increased. She oo like "L'Abandon" (1905), in which longer took care of her appearance. din's Gang" increased. She oo

Louise Claudel, the mother, was style, whose tough-minded, unaffectionate attitude toward her daughter seems comparable to that is a strange callousness in the fact that she failed to inform Camille of the death of her father, whom she loved and that she had her confined just one week later. It may be that the father, while he lived. might have objected.

That was in March 1913 and Camille was to spend the last 30 years of ber life in a mental institution. Instructions from ber mother prevented her from corresponding with anyone but members of her family. She was given clay, howevwent into a self-destructive depression. She became a sort of recluse in her studio in the Ile-Saint-Louis.

For several years she produced a sure, only serve to increase the wealth and power of Rodin.

Camille's letters to her family make pathetic reading. They reveal a woman who except in matters pertaining to her paranoid fantasies had lost nooe of her intelligence and sensitivity. She frequently complains of having to live in the company of people who rave and babble day and night. But Camille suffered most from the fact that except for her brother Paul, who was usually abroad, her family oever came to see her. In those days, madness in the family was a social disgrace. People felt threatened by it and did not know how to cope.

Camille was a victim of a oumher of things, but first and foremost of ber commanding oeed to interpret her existence as the result of a conspiracy. One senses that a number of people today would like to make ber into a banner, feminist or otherwise: It was Rodin's fault! It was Mother's fault! But blame is



Claudel working on "Persée et la Gorgone" in her studio.

time brings, we can see that there is indeed, it does.

oot really enlightening, only com- a real talent and passion in Claupassion and an attentive look at her del's work. It should not be comwork allows one to make some pared with Rodin's simply because

In Sculpture, the Pedigree Is the Selling Point

The object

ONDON - Signs that an upheaval is under way are multiplying in that broad field that could be called sculpture of the past, from antiquity to the 18th century. Any work that lends itself to in-

his "Dialog" collection. To his surstant categorization and can be set premiered in Hamburg's former in historical perspective is now a wholesale fish market, now a culpotential target for speculation and tural center. There are 24 patterns can multiply its high estimate many in 45 color combinations, ranging times over. On the contrary, any from Isozaki's delicate filigrees to objet d'art that raises questions re-Sam Francis's action painting garding its precise identity is doomed to failure or, at best, limitsplashes. Though each participant ed success. Christie's sale on Tues-

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which four went into production. day provided striking examples of results that be promptly ordered categories. 400 square meters for his beach The rarest object by far was a

failure, because it was not easily : In contrast to limited-edition defined in terms of art history. This carnets, which may only "repro- was a bronze incense burner, duce" a pro-existing picture, the shaped as a bowl and decorated Hameln assignment involved re- with low relief scenes of the annumthinking the very nature of a draw- ciation, the visitation, the nativity, ing. Each had to be so conceived the adoration of the magi and the that the design flowed smoothly baptism of Christ. The vessel was across a four-meter width (about 13 described as "Byzantine." Such an feet), and with repeats less than a adjective is suggestive of Christian Greece and its hieratic stylization, For Vorwerk, as well, the chal- to which its figural scenes bear no lenge was considerable. Hockney resemblance And, indeed the catwanted his wet-to-dry brush alogue entry notes that the closest strokes recreated in detail; Sam parallels were found in Ani, the great medieval Armenian metropo-lis. To call an Armenian object Francis wanted the random paintsplatters included; Roy Lichten-

stein insisted on a pure white, prebyzantine is meaningless,
viously thought to be impossible in
The object, which can viously thought to be impossible in The object, which can be dated carpet production. As the artists to the 10th or 11th century on the and architects came and went, the basis of its engraved palmette defactory workers became increasing- sign, is a sensational discovery, but suffered from the confusion. It re-Even such obvious excellence mained unsold at £32,000.

may not suffice to capture the may not suffice to capture the The sale jogged on rather quietly American market that Littmann is until a large, highly academic bust of the 18th century came up. This is Earlier Vorwerk forays in the not quite the sort of piece one New World were oot promising, would expect to arouse enthusiasm, bot Littmann believes his gifted but historically speaking, it could "allies" may turn the tide. He is be described with accuracy. The aware, though, that even in West sitter, John Palmer, was a math-Germany his revolution may seem ematician and astronomer who was also archdeacon of Northampton, Vorwerk became a household and rector of Eaton and Ecton. Its word thanks to a compact and sole virtue is that it is the original powerful vacuum-cleaner called model for the marble monument to Palmer by Michael Rysback erect-ed in 1732 in the church of Eaton. Kobold, which for 50 years has Despite numerous technical in-It had been taken out of Ecton novations and Europe-wide diver- House to be sold on behalf of the

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that Sotheby's made the most of was a white marble bust of Christ as the Redeemer, c. 1598, that sold for

ages Board, which occded the cash. underbidder, and Hazlitt, Gouden Christie's estimate, in the area of and Day, a gallery on Bury Street. £80,000, seemed generous even if No professional could remember allowance is made for the growing any English terra-cotta modello irritation of Britons over the piece- selling for even one quarter of that meal chopping up of the national amount. beritage because churches and other institutions do oot get enough

The real extravaganzas, however, were yet to come. The full impact money for maintenance and oper- of historical characterization sent Renaissance and Baroque bronzes skyrocketing to nothickable as a surprise. It was the result of heights.

a group of bronzes of the late 16th century that have been variously attributed to Italy, the Lowlands and France over the last 60 years. Current thinking favors France, and more specifically Barthéléany Pricur, whose admirable standing figures of Henry IV and Marie de Médicis were sold at Christie's in Monte Carlo in 1985 for 9,435,000 French francs (oearly \$1.5 million). The unique pieces are now in the Louvre. But the small lamp, 18 centimeters (about 7 inches) high, is neither a masterpiece nor unique --several casts are known. Estimated

current association with Prieur. This was a mere warm-up exerstars in the sale. One, a bronze by Antonio Susini from a model by Giambologna, his father-in-law. The bronze is weakish when measured by the high standards of both artists — the proportions are not the best, nor the chisel work. Christic's estimate stated "on request," £150,000, seemed optimistic. As a but an indication of a dramatic

raised arms. The object belongs to looked more and more incredulous. When Charles Allsop, Christie's chairman who was taking the sale, called out £400,000, Katz said loudly "no that's enough" and muttered to his partner "that will teach him a lesson" - meaning the telephooe bidder. The price, £440,000 with the sale premium, was undoubtedly heavy. Katz, however, most have

thought that the "lesson" was oot

sufficiently spelled out for the next

important bronze, the figure of a rearing horse, also cast by Susini from a Giambologna model according to the catalogue, was the to be worth £8,000 to £12,000, the occasion of a strange replay of the lamp drew sniggers from profes- same act. The telephone bidder was n. and so was Katz. Th able £46,200 on the basis of its price of the work was exactly the same, £440,000, with Katz giving up at £390,000 as he had done mincise paving the way for the two otes before on the Hercules. This time the object was five times group of Hercules slaying the Ne-mean lion, was described as a cast request" as the phrase goes, shortly request" as the phrase goes, shortly before the sale. In contrast to the Hercules, it is supremely good but problems. Again, the price bears no relationship to the market as it

stood, say a year ago.
That Christie's sale is not a freak telephone bidder doggedly held on, promotion of a certain type of objet countered by Daniel Katz, now the d'art, mostly sculpture, which can

be given an attribution attached to two days later at Sotheby's. The object that Sotheby's made the most of was a white marble bust of Christ as the Redcemer. Cleverly done in pure academic style, this is the kind of religious art that used to be considered unsalable. The soppy face, oozing piety, anticipates the Victorian age and could have been enough to kill the piece altogether. A loog catalogue entry, explaining that it is the work of Giovann Battista Caccini done around 1598 to be put upon a tabernacle in Santa Maria Novella, in Florence, helped tip the scales. But oot even Sotheby's, in its wildest bouts of

The promotion of a certain type of sculpture from the past, by using what might be called scholarly bype, is a new phenomenon. It reflects an attempt at broadening investor art, but it is one potentially fraught with problems. For it is one thing to speculate in Picassos or Jasper Johnses, whose identity is not in doubt, and quite another to stake millions on objets d'art shown to be what they are through demonstrations that can be followed by half a dozen scholars worldwide — assuming they agree among themselves.

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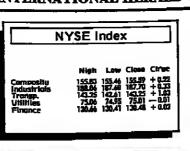
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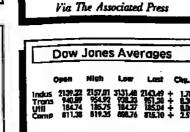
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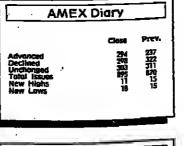
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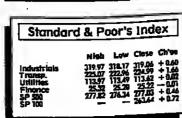
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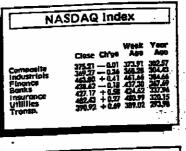


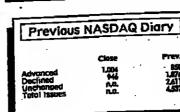
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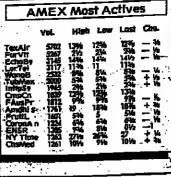








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Stocks Rise in Slow Trading

United Press International

NEW YORK — Stock prices closed slightly higher in sluggish trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, allowing the market only a slight rebous industrial average, which fell 11.92 points Thursday, edged up 1.78 to 2.143.49. For the week, the 30-stock index gained a 51.21 points, due mostly to sharp gains

on Monday and Tuesday. Advances led declines by an 8-6 margin. Volume on the Big Board totaled 134 million shares, compared with 124 million on Thursday. Broader-market indexes also advanced. The NYSE composite index rose 0.22 to close at 155.59, Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 0.46 to close at 277.03. The price of an average

share gained 5 cents. In the absence of the type of catalysts that drove stock prices higher early this week, analysts said the market showed limited trading activity Friday, with takeover issues — real or rumored — garnering a lot of investor attention. In addition, traders said profit taking spilled over from Thursday.

A drop in prices Thursday came amid profit taking and lack of news equal to the introduction of "unbundled stock units" by four major companies on Monday or Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's midweek visit to the United

Nations.
"The market is suffering from post-Gorby visit," said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Kidder, Peabody & Co. "He

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came with good news and now we must wait and see if Washington reacts to the news." Mr. Acampora said Wall Street was hoping Mr. Gorbachev's announcement of Soviet military cutbacks would lead to an easing of U.S.

defense spending, thereby cutting the budget "It's a wait-and-see attitude," he said, noting

that Washington has yet to say anything con-crete on the subject.

In addition, Mr. Acampora said, there is a host of government economic reports due next week, including industrial production, capacity utilization, the merchandise trade deficit, hous

ing starts, business inventories, producer prices and retail sales. Also, a meeting of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee - its policy-making

arm — is scheduled for Tuesday. In NYSE trading Friday, Continental Illinois was the most active issue, unchanged at 54.

RJR Nabisco followed, off ¼ to 89%. Pacific Gas & Electric ex-dividend was third, up 1/8 to

AT&T was off 1/4 to 291/2. IBM was 1 to 1201/4. Among other blue chips, American Express was up 4 to 27%, Philip Morris ex-dividend was up % to 97%, and General Motors was up 1/2 to

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CAN UNIVERSIT Trying to Restrain LBOs: **Minefield of Contradictions** st independent American university

By PETER PASSELL New York Times Service

EW YORK - The battle for RJR Nabisco Inc.'s \$25 billion snack and tobacco empire is over, but the political struggle to deter other leveraged buyouts that leave corporations buried under mountains of debt is just beginning. Spurred on by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, a congressional Who's Who including Senators Lloyd Bensten and Robert Dole and Representative Dan Rostenkowski is casting about for a tax-based fix.

The advice Congress is likely to get from tax experts, however should temper its enthusiasm. Hastily designed penalties could easily miss their targets. In any case, it is not clear that leveraged

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If the goal is to tilt corporations back toward stock financing, only a dramatic change in the corporate in-come tax is likely to make much difference.

opportunities for tax consultants. An assault on debt-financed buyouts might focus on the extent of leverage: The deductibility of all or part of the interest paid on new debt

exceeding some percentage of a company's assets could be eliminated. If the buyers of Consolidated Widget borrowed \$19 billion to gain control of the \$20 billion corporation, interest on, say, the last \$9 billion might be taxed.

The alternative is to attack "junk" financing itself, capping the deductibility of interest on high-yield debt. If Consolidated Widget's lenders insisted on six percentage points above the U.S. Widget's lenders insisted on six percentage points above the U.S. Treasury rate, the new owners might be forced to absorb two percentage points without assistance from the Internal Revenue

Either approach, though, would create inequities - not to mention new employment opportunities for tax consultants. It is not clear, for example, how leverage ought to be defined. Would debts include leases on real estate and equipment? How about unfunded pension benefits? Would any distinction be made between well-secured debt, like mortgages on commercial aircraft and unsecured bank loans?

sed to California State Department of States Association of Aumorized Degree Graving India or Vinivae Parl Secondon Scrools NASACUS R CONSIDER the issue of junk financing. Small companies typically must pay premium rates for borrowed funds. Capping the deductibility of interest would handicap their ability to expand, or deprive them of capital altogether.

An interest cap might also prevent failing companies from finding friendly takeover partners. INIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVAN

Emil Sunley, an economist at Deloitte Haskins & Sells and a former Treasury official, suggests what might be the ultimate political stopper: Any tax penalty on leveraged financing of takeovers would greatly favor foreign buyers. Japanese and European companies can raise cash at home at cheap rates by leveraging their own assets. They could then outbid American companies unable to make acquisitions without penalized debt.

The muddle over solutions follows from too hasty a reading of the problem by politicians. Mr. Greenspan's concern is leverage, which weakens the ability of corporations to weather recessions. Yet leveraged buyonts account for relatively little of the \$170 billion net increase in corporate borrowing and \$110 billion decrease in outstanding stock last year.

A second criticism of leverage focuses on the unfairness of taxing the returns to equaty capital while leaving debt capital untouched. Increased leverage will wape out RJR Nabisco's tax liability for years to come. According to Forbes magazine, that indirect subsidy is worth \$5 billion to the company's new owners. But while the latest leveraged buyouts offer some spectacular

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Skandia Renews Vesta Bid

Swedes Seeking Norwegian Unit STOCKHOLM - Forsakrings

AB Skandia, a Swedish insurer, on Friday bid 800 million Norwegian kroner (\$123.5 million) for Vesta A/S, the second-biggest insurance company in Norway, as part of a drive to build a Nordic group.

Analysts said the bid of 200 kro-

ner per share should succeed. Nor-way had blocked an earlier attempt by Skandia to buy half of Vesta. "It is inconceivable that they have not received government ap-proval this time," said Rob Rogers, an analyst at Enskilda Securities. Bjoern Wolroth, managing direc-

tor of Skandia, said there have been contacts with the Norwegian gov-ernment. Speaking in Oslo, he said, "After talks today with the finance minister, we have the impression that there are no objections in priniple to a Swedish company owning Norwegian insurer."

Skandia said Vesta's management supported its bid. Skandia said the bid depended on the approval of Norwegian authori-ties, which would have to grant ex-

emption from a new law that severelimits foreign ownership in Norwegian insurance companies. Skandia in May dropped a 1.1 billion kroner bid for 50 percent of Vesta because of the legislation, which was then under consideration.

Tim Youngman, an analyst with Warburg Securities, said, "The market needs foreign involvement. Banking and insurance companies face such severe problems that foreign help is virtually the only anwer for some of them."

This was illustrated by the fact that Skandia offered 27 percent less for the entire company now than it was prepared to pay for half of it in

May. Even so, the bid was at a consider-the Vesta share able premium over the Vesta share price before the bid was launched. Vesta's shares closed Friday 40 kroner higher, at 180 kroner a share.

Skandia said it was trying to establish a Nordic insurance network to defend the Scandinavian market from increasing competition from European insurance giants.



Youngsters in Washington State play Nintendo's Super Mario Bros. 2, a current sales leader.

(Japanese) Games Americans Play U.S. Sales of Nintendo Video Systems Reach 10 Million

Video Games

Bouncing Back

Video game sales in the U.S In bilitions of dollars.

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from \$25 to \$45 per game. They

provide an array of interactive games that can take up to 70

hours to complete.

The story of Nintendo, the

company, is a tale of how a 99-

year-old Japanese firm, which

got its start making playing

cards, came up with a winning

product that has broken all toy

sales records for two years run-

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If corrent estimates are right,

By Douglas C. McGill

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The daydreams of young Americans these days might well be based on bugely successful video games, called Nintendo, that are made in Japan.

Some 10 million Nintendo home video-entertainment systems, as the games are known, have been sold in the United States in recent years and have sparked a firestorm of interest that toy industry experts say is America's latest craze and teenage cultural phenomenon.

"It's a mania," said Rick Anguilla, editor of Toy and Business World, an industry trade journal. "For boys in this country between the ages of 8 and 15, not having a Nintendo is like not having a baseball bat."

For the uninitiated, the basic Nintendo system consists of a control deck that attaches to any television, transforming it into a screen that plays video games. The hardware comes with a hand-operated joystick, which the players use to control the onscreen video. This costs about

Then, there is the software: Game cassettes to be inserted in the control deck, which cost

within a year it will be found in nearly 20 percent of all Ameri-can households, up from 12 percent now.

Nintendo was the best-selling toy last Christmas and throughout 1988, according to a Toy and Hobby World survey.

The company entered a field once dominated by such early leaders as Atari. With a brilliant marketing plan, perfectionist at-tention to product quality and sophistication and extensive customer service, it now commands more than 80 percent of the vid-

eo-game market.
"It's the hottest thing this year," said Judy Lefft, an owner of the Toy Park stores in New York City. "People are calling and parents are coming in all the time. They just aren't making them fast enough."

Even more remarkable is Nintendo's success at grafting its games - many of which are based on fantasy adventures cre-ated in Japan — onto American

Nintendo first scored a big success in Japan with a video game called "Famicom," which was sold to one of every three es in Japan, before it was skillfully transplanted into

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Rumors Stoke Rise in German **Interest Rates**

By Ferdinand Protzman

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — West German money-market interest rates rose and the Deutsche mark rose sharply on speculation that the Bundesbank, the West German central bank, will raise its Lombard

Speculation of a rise in the West German Lombard rate initially depressed the dollar. Page 15.

lending rate when policymakers

In London, the mark rose to 3.2054 against the British pound from Thursday's close of 3.2203 DM. In New York, the dollar fell to 1.7315 DM, compared with 1.7415 DM Thursday.

The speculation was spawned by a combination of factors, including the traditional year-end liquidity crunch, comments Monday by Bundesbank President Karl Otto Pohl and a surprise sale of dollars

Thursday by the Bundesbank.
The Lombard rate, currently at 5.00 percent, is the fee charged banks for very short-term borrowings from the central bank against bills as collateral.

A Bundesbank spokesman declined to comment on the market activity.

But the rumors pushed the West German call money rate up to 4.95 percent Friday, from 4.85 percent Thursday. The call money rate is the interest banks charge one another on overnight borrowings. Meanwhile one-month interest rates climbed to 5,20 percent from

5.13 percent Thursday. Economists and money market dealers said the rise in rates could prompt the Bundesbank to raise

the Lombard rate, but that market opinion is mixed on whether a rate hike will come before the end of the "I think an increase is unlikely before the end of the year, but with some short-term interest rates above the Lombard rate, I cannot

rule out the possibility," said a se-nior money market dealer at a major West German bank. "There is no urgent need for it, but the conditions in the economy and the markets could easily support an in-

erease. It depends partly on whether the dollar begins to rise. I think any rise will come in Janu-

Should the dollar begin to rise, however, the technical and economic fundamental background gives the Bundesbank plenty of room to lift its key lending rates before the year ends, said Dieter Wermuth, an economist with Man-ufacturers Hanover Bank GmbH in Frankfurt. But he called such a scenario "unlikely."

A money market dealer for a large U.S. bank in Frankfurt agreed. She said that the market may be overreacting to Mr. Pohl's remarks in a speech Monday that the Bundesbank would set its 1989 money supply targets next Thursday with an eye to maintaining confidence and stability of the Deutsche mark.

"The market has been quiet and liquidity has been tight, which it always is at the end of the year," she said. "So everyone jumped on his comment and then when the Bundesbank drained liquidity from the market on Wednesday, some people took it as a sign that they are ightening monetary pobcy, even though there really is no logical connection between the comment and the action."

On Wednesday, dealers were surprised when the Bundesbank unexpectedly drained liquidity from the market. Most had expect-ed that the Bundesbank would add liquidity to the market.

Then on Thursday, the Bundesbank sold \$31.6 million at the Frankfurt foreign exchange fixing, its first intervention at the official setting since Nov. 24.

Richard Reid, an economist with Phillips & Drew Ltd. in London, said the combined effect of the Bundesbank's moves was to unsettle the markets, while sending a message that it does not want to see the dollar move above the 1.75 DM

"I think the rumor was largely born of the Bundesbank's dollarselling," he said. "It's clear with call money near the Lombard rate that they could make a move. But it's

Copper Hits New Peak And Nickel Follows Suit

Producers' Difficulties Squeeze Prices

shows how nervous and volatile the serves of base metals.

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as' strike in Peru.

In a statement on Tuesday, mediately available stocks of the Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu of metals were insufficient to meet de-Papua New Guinea accused such mand. landowners of using terrorism against the country's biggest inves-tor, CRA Ltd. of Australia, the 53.6

in world markets since its own pro-

LONDON — The price of cop-per shot to a fresh record Friday

duction has fallen short of targets.

Zambian output has dropped beand mickel hit a six-month peak as cause of a deterioration in mine sabotage in some producing counties might create shortages at a time of rising demand and falling supplies.

Hat a standard fall maintenance, a lack of spare parts and a loss of technical expertise. Zaircan production has also fallen. Canadian mining industry officials have expressed concern lately supplies. cials have expressed context tatage.

The way the prices have risen about their country's declining re-

to supply disruption," said John entirely U.S.-based," Mr. Harris Harris, analyst with London-based said. He said stocks on the New metals broker Rudolf Wolff & Co. York Commodity Exchange were
Copper, used extensively in the low because U.S. traders took adauto and electrical industries, vantage of high prices last year to

delivery in three months in early business on the London Metal Exchange, up \$32 from the record set in New York late on Thursday.

Nickel, which has been riding high this year on strong demand from steet-makers for the alloying metal, set a six-month peak of The price declined slightly at Friday's close on the New York Com-Mr. Harris noted strong demand

Despite the surge in nickel from just \$9,370 a metric ton in Septem-Output at Papua New Guinea's ber, the market is still well under Bougainville mme has been disrupted by arson attacks, alleged to March, when supplies were stran-have been the work of militant gled by a royalty dispute in the have been the work of militant gled by a royalty dispute in the landowners who feel they missed Dominican Republic.

Traders said it seemed that im-

They said they expect already low London Metal Exchange warehouse copper stocks, which are anpercent owner of Bougainville nounced each Monday, to have Copper Ltd. nounced each Monday, to have fallen 3,000 metric tons in the past Copper Ltd.

Chile, the world's largest copper exporter, has had to buy the metal

fallen 3,000 metric tons in the past week, to 64,400 tons, from around 150,000 tons in August.

Stock Issue by Texaco Seen as Defensive Move 8.5 percent from 5 percent current

NEW YORK —A move by Tex-to Inc. to issue \$500 million of Shares of Texaco fell after the aco Inc. to issue \$500 million of

speculation that the investor Carl C. Icahn, with a 14.8 percent stake, may be considering a new bid for the major oil company with another unnamed investor.

"The primary purpose of this plan is to create a vehicle for stock to end up in friendly hands," said Mark Gilman, oil analyst at Robert

ployees' stake in the company to he said in a statement.

stock to employees, announced Fri- announcement. Traders said that day, will strengthen the company's investors were disappointed that defenses against a hostile raider or the company did not announce a proxy battle, according to analysts. share repurchase plan or an in-The announcement came amid crease in its dividend payment folcrease in its dividend payment following a board meeting and the stock closed down87.5 cents at \$50.125 on the New York Stock Exchange. Texaco's stock had soared this

week on speculation of a bid. The Texaco chief executive James Kinnear, said the company is in the final stages of completing its multibillion-dollar asset-sale Texaco's issue of \$500 million in program. The employee stock convertible preferred stock to a scheme would not affect the comnew employee stock ownership pany's intention to make a \$1.7 plan will ultimately raise its embillion distribution to shareholders,

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Mexico Planning to Cut Oil Output

the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, an official of the state-run oil company said Friday.
"We have not reduced our oil exports yet, but there is a good possibility of doing so in the near future," said an official of Petroleos Mexicanos,

MEXICO CITY — Mexico, the world's fourth-largest oil producer, is planning to slash its oil exports to demonstrate its solidarity with

who asked not to be identified. Platt's Oilgram News, a New York-based industry newsletter, reported Friday that Mexico was contemplating reducing its oil exports to 1.305 million barrels a day from the current level of 1.325 million barrels a day.

The Petroleos Mexicanos official confirmed Mexico's plan to reduce oil exports to show its solidarity and willingness to cooperate with OPEC, but he refused to disclose the volume. "We are certainly planning a reduction in oil exports, but we have not yet decided what should be an ideal export platform for Mexico," he said

Mexican oil exports, which fell considerably in October because of devastation of its oil production facilities by the hurricane designated Gilbert, rose to 1.325 million barrels a day in

In October, Mexico had exported an average of 1.320 million barrels of oil a day.

Mexico is not a member of OPEC, but has coordinated its production and pricing policies with the 13-nation cartel in recent years by unilaterally limiting its oil exports to 1.350 million barrels a day.

The Petroleos Mexicanos official said Mexico

would lower its exports from the current unilateral ceiling of 1,350 million barrels a day to a

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He said Julio Cesar Gil, the Venezuelan oil minister, plans to meet with other independent oil producing nations to seek their cooperation in restricting crude output in order to boost sagging oil prices and stabilize international markets.

"He is expected to visit Mexico soon to hold talks with Mexican officials about the possible Mexico-OPEC cooperation," the Mexican uffi-

Last month, when OPEC signed an produc-tion-quota agreement of 18.5 million barrels a day aimed at boosting oil prices to \$18 a barrel, Mexico congratulated OPEC member nations and expressed its intention to cooperate fully with both cartel members and independent pro-

The Norwegian government said earlier this week that it would extend a limit on its oil production to show solidarity with the OPEC nations and attempt to bolster world crude

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NEW YORK — A bond trader at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. has agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors probing the firm for possible securities frand. Terren Pizer, who worked on the bond trad-ing desk at the firm's Beverly Hills office,

attorney said Friday.

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Mr. Fizer is the third Drexel employee to agree to cooperate with the government in exchange for immunity. The attorney said Mr. Pizer has not appeared before a grand jury and no appearances are currently scheduled.

Mr. Pizer sat near Michael Milken, the head of Drexel's high-yield bond department and a key target of the federal investigation.

Drexel, Mr. Milken and two other employees have been accused by the Securities and Exchange Commission of conspiring with Ivan change Commission of conspiring with Ivan Boesky, the now-imprisioned stock speculator,

to commit frauds that range from trading on inside information to stock manipulation.

A Manhattan federal grand jury has been investigating the firm on similar grounds and has been expected to indict Drexel, Mr. Milken and the others for months. The defendants have

and the others for months. The defendants have maintained their imposence, although Drexel has been negotiating with prosecutors about a possible settlement.

Spokesmen for Drexel and Mr. Milken declined to comment on the development. Aides to Manhattan U.S. attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani also declined to comment in accordance with their policy of silence on pending investi-

Mr. Pizer's agreement came one day after another key figure in the investigation, Cary Maultasch, struck a plea bargam with prosecu-tors. Earlier, Drexel salesman James Dahl also received a grant of immunity.

Federal Express Expects Deal With U.K. Firm

MEMPHIS, Tennessee — Federal Express
Corp. said it expects to reach agreement to
purchase a stake in Home Delivery Services
Ltd. from Littlewoods Organization PLC,
which now owns 100 percent of Home Delivery. Home Delivery runs a service for mail order deliveries to households throughout Britain.
Federal Express said the purchase would include 31 delivery stations, 1,100 delivery vehicles and two parcel sorting centers.

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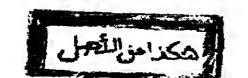
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Texas Air Plans to Divide Subsidiaries' Sales Forces

WASHINGTON — Texas Air Corp. will separate the sales forces of its two airline subsidiaries. Eastern and Continental airlines said Friday, a day after the president of Eastern said his carrier could face a cash shortage because of declining ridership.

The two carriers said the plan to split sales forces would improve efficiency. Under the combined force, Texas Air said, salespeople could visit travel agents and promote charters, group packages and special fares jointly. But it proved difficult to sell two products.

Union officials said they thought the move had other purposes.

perhaps indicating Eastern was being readied for sale.

Eastern management has said the airline is not for sale, but portions, obtably the Northeast shuttles, have been or are being sold. Eastern's president, Philip J. Bakes, said late Thursday that the carrier could soon face a cash shortage because of a rapid fall in its passengers. The deteriorating competitive position of the airline was disclosed by Mr. Bakes late in a day of testimony Thursday in federal district court in Washington.

traffic was down about 35 percent from a similar period last year and that its leisure traffic was down about 17 percent, leading to a tremendous revenue drop. Mr. Bakes testified in an action in which Eastern's unions are

Mr. Bakes said that since September, the airline's business-flier

seeking to block the sale of the profitable Eastern Air Shuttle operation to Donald J. Trump, the developer. (NYT, AP)

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(Continued from first finance page) introduced. But its heyday came in the early 1980s, when industry sales American culture in 1987 under the rocketed from practically nothing Nintendo name. to \$3 billion in 1982.

Prior to that, Nintendo was best known to American consumers as maker of the popular "Donkey Kong" and the original "Mario Brothers," which were some of the industry sales sank to \$100 million 1985 and 1986 that Nintendo sucmost popular arcade games in the first video game boom of the early New York City and Los Angeles

For Minoru Arakawa, the president of Nintendo of America, based in Redmond, Washington (and the son-in-law of Hiroshi Yamanchi, president of Nintendo Co., prices. the parent company in Kyoto, Ja-pan), the key to Nintendo's U.S. success is simple.

"Whether American kids, or German kids, or Japanese kids, they all have something in common," he said. "They are all kids, and human beings, and they all like the same things — fun and excitement and challenge. There are some differences, but in most cases, hot game in Japan is hot game in the States."

Yet Nintendo's success goes beyoud this. It is also the culmination of a senes of carefully planned marketing and advertising ploys. Underlying Mr. Arakawa's simple philosophy is a complex business plan that was based on patiently watching the American video-game industry and then coming up with a product that was simply better.

"The toy industry has never seen his kind of sophistication," said Allen Bohbot, chief executive of Bohbot Communications, a New York firm that specializes in buy-. software games. ing broadcast time and print ad-space for toy marketers.

Indeed, the Nintendo games themselves, with their colorful names and eccentric cast of characters, have proved to be the company's best advertising, creating a word-of-mouth excitement that spreads as fast as the word on the

1980s, and Sega, another industry player that entered the market more recently, fell to a distant second and third place, respectively, in market share.

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In 1987, the company drew \$750 million in sales (grabbing 70 percent of the video-game market) and projected sales of \$1.7 billion by the end of this year -- increasing its market share to its present 83 per-

"Nintendo was very methodical and careful," said Mr. Bohbot, noting that while the company knew what it had in 1985, "they waited and waited and waited. Most American businessmen can't wait like that. Nintendo doesn't run, it walks, and it's walked into a gold mine.

The cantion reflected Nintendo's concern that there was demand for video games before it plunged into the American market; it also wanted to take time to develop quality

The company figured that the reason video games dropped off in popularity was that the games had become uninteresting. So it drew on 34 software companies to make

Atari, meanwhile, an American company that had led the home video-game boom in the early

The software is incompatible; One cannot play an Atari game on a Nintendo deck. And at this point, by far the greatest number of games — and the highest-quality ones, most children say — are made by Nintendo, making its hardware the system of choice.

Nintendo uses larger memory fore in video games, holding up to three million bits of information, ties, lava balls and man-eating compared with 8,000 bits in earlygeneration games.

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The British pound fell to \$1.8468

from \$1.8545 on Thursday, while

the dollar closed unchanged at 5.9370 French francs and fell

slightly to 1.4645 Swiss francs from 1.4648.

In London, the dollar had closed

lower on the day but higher on the week after erratic trading. Dealers said thin, year-end markets could

"Overall, the risk for the dollar

-next week is still on the downside

but you can never quite anticipate these year-end markets," said Da-

vid Sawyer, a vice-president of for-

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Dealers said bearish sentiment

reasserted itself Friday after the

lead to more sharp swings.

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NEW YORK - The dollar fm-London Dollar Rates ished mixed after dull trading, having recovered most of the losses recorded at the London close on short-covering, dealers said.

The U.S. currency initially was depressed by speculation that West

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German interest rates might be raised, but it drifted higher in a thin market as dealers awaited econombrief dollar rally, on the prospects ic data next week, in particular the of cuts in U.S. defense spending in response to Soviet arms-reduction :U.S. trade figures for October. The dollar eased to 1.7375 Deutproposals this week; such a U.S. sche marks from 1.7385 DM at

move would ease the budget deficit But the hope was squashed when President Ronald Reagan said the United States cannot reduce defense spending until it achieves

arms parity.

The dollar was also depressed after comments by the new West German economics minister, Helmut Haussmann, who spoke of the need for action against creeping inflation and held the specter of higher West German interest rates over the heads of nervous dealers.

West German interest rate worries had surfaced earlier in the week, when the president of the Bundesbank, Karl Otto Pohl, said the central bank's 1989 monetary target aimed to maintain confi-

The target is due to be announced Thursday, with analysis troops and armaments.

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Dealers said the resignation of the Japanese finance minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, in the wake of B stock market scandal, had been expected and had little effect.

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Attention has already begun to focus on the U.S. trade data, with most forecasters going for a deficit of \$10.7 billion after September's \$10.46 billion shortfall.

The dollar's latest movements further erased the big gains posted on Wednesday in response to the proposal by Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, to reduce Soviet

Japanese Export Revival Pumps Trade Surplus

TOKYO - Japanese exports may be once again be surging out of control, causing the nation's trade surplus to climb back toward its 1987 level, according to econo-

Japanese exporters, after a fouryear struggle with the strong yen, are now competing effectively again in international markets, and they are more potent than ever, economists said.

"It may not be possible for Japan to reduce its surplus this year," said Kenneth Courtis, an economist at DB Capital Markets (Asia) Ltd. Mr. Courtis said Japan's trade surplus on a current-account basis could hit a level close to the \$96.39 nillion surplus posted last year.

Data on customs-cleared trade for November that are scheduled for release Monday are expected to confirm the reversal of the trend,

same month last year, a 41 percent increase. Bolstering their predictions are customs-cleared trade data for the

first 20 days of November, which show exports rising 20.7 percent over last year and import growth dwindling to just 4.7 percent, from its recent 20 percent to 40 percent pace. That left an interim surplus of \$4.08 billion, nearly double that

of a year earlier. Economists say that although these interim figures are often unreliable, since most trade activity occurs in the last 10 days of each month. Japan would have needed an avalanche of imports in that final period to narrow the surplus.

Peter Morgan, an economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan) Ltd., noted that Monday's data will compare with the excep-

On average, they expect the sur- tionally small surplus last Novemplus for November to rise to \$6.7 ber. An unusual surge in imports billion from \$4.75 billion in the cut the surplus sharply that month. But Mr. Courtis of DB Capital Markets noted that exports had started expanding in volume from

> ue from June this year. "The two are moving together ann we are seeing a powerful reversal in the trade balance," Mr. Cour-tis said. "Up to now these rises in exports had been obscured by

November last year and in yen val-

booming imports." Although Japan has managed to reduce its surplus with the United States every month so far this year, Washington is now showing concern over a possible rurnaround.

David C. Mulford, the assistant U.S. Treasury secretary, said in Washington on Monday that he was concerned by recent data sug-gesting that the reduction of Japan's trade surplus with the United States may be stalling.

Some trade officials warned that

"North-South" disputes between

industrial and developing countries

over textiles and intellectual prop-

could be just as hard to resolve as

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But there was no doubt in any-

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While the United States is ulti-

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strong domestic demand growth and that Japan continue its efforts to restructure its economy to reduce reliance on export-led growth," Mr. Mulford said.

Tokyo's imbalance with Washington has been shrinking despite a gradual increase in exports to the United States because of heavy

Japanese buying of U.S. goods. The yen's sharp rise against the dollar since late 1985 initially confounded Japanese companies, but then caused them to reposition themselves and become more powerful than before, Mr. Courtis said.

"Now export momentum is growing," Mr. Courtis said. Imports have been holding down the trade surplus, but if the yen weakens and Japan's growth falters, three-quarters of the Japanese import drive will be closed down, he

GATT: Collapse of Montreal Talks Imperils Effort to Reform Trade

(Continued from page 1)

the 103-nation Montreal meeting had spectacularly failed in its prime objective: giving new political impenus to the corrent effort to reform the trading system, the 2-year-old Uruguay Round of negotiations under the aegis of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. If that effort finally breaks

down, it is widely feared, the world could be swept by a new outbreak of trade wars and protectionism. In an attempt to salvage as much

as possible from the wreckage, se-mor officials, and as many ministers as want to, are to meet in Geneva in the first week of April. Between now and then Arthur Dunkel, director general of the Geneva-based GATT, will hold consuitations to try to advance matters in the four major areas that are still under dispute - agriculture, tex-tiles, the protection of intellectual property and trade safeguards.

Meanwhile, provisional agreemens in the 11 areas in which real progress was made in Montreal, including trade in services, tropical products and measures to strength-

demanded application of the all-or- step up American farm export subnothing negotiating principle, un-der which progress in individual does not agree to farm trade "disarareas is dependent on advances in mament."

The Latin Americans, led by Argentina, are furious with the Euro-pean Community and the United States for allowing their farm dispute to wreck the Montreal meeting, as are other major agricultural exporting nations like Australia and New Zealand.

Michael Duffy, the blunt-spoken Australian minister for trade negotiations, said that the other agricultural producers had every right to be "disappointed and angry" with the Americans and Europeans. The failure by the world's two

largest farm traders to settle their dispute over farm subsidies meant that "we are staring down the barrel of an all-out agricultural trade war," be said Thursday night. That threat was minimized hy

Frans Andriessen, the EC Commissioo's vice president for agriculture, who said be did not expect the breakdown of the Montreal talks "to have a direct effect on world market behavior."

U.S. officials in Montreal, however, have constantly warned this has 8 million farmers with less than week that the U.S. Congress may 20 bectares (50 acres), compared

with about 400,000 in the United

U.S. officials in turn insist that they are not demanding an end to all subsidies. The European Community could still give its farmers direct income supports, provided they do not boost production and erty, such as patents and copyright, distort world trade.

The community does not believe that income support can be "decoupled" from production subsidies in this way. Besides, EC officials say, the cost of such an operation would be prohibitive.

What the community fears, and U.S. officials sometimes admit, is that Washington is trying to dostroy the entire common agricul-tural policy, which, for all its faults, the European Community regards as fundamental to social and political stability in Western Europe.

Thus, while the community is ready to discuss short-term meastres to reform the common agricultural policy and reduce subsidies, which it says it is already doing, it cannot accept the U.S. long-term objective.
The United States, on the other

tor, never tired of pointing out in hand, refuses to discuss the shortterm measures until the European Community has agreed to the final

Moscow Rules Would Smooth Ruble Rates

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MOSCOW - Soviet regulations published Friday would provide for more realistic ru-The dollar fell to 1.7315 DM at the London close from 1.7415 Bt ble exchange rates in the 1990s and end the requirement that joint ventures involving for-

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LBOs: Restraint Could Be Tricky

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Norway Plans to Scrap **Unpopular Tax System** On Share Transactions

OSLO - The minority Labor government of Norway announced Friday that it plans to drop an unpopular share turnover tax oext year.

The tax, of 1 percent of the value of a transaction split equally between buyer and seller, was introduced at the start of this year. Brokers said it hurt business in an already dull stock market. "The importance of the share turnover tax is

possibly exaggerated, but its signal effect is of major psychological importance which we have taken into consideration," Finance Minister Gunnar Berge said at a news conference.

The plan to scrap the tax was included in final budget proposals, which now go for partiamentary approval.

The budget also proposes setting up a new venture-capital firm, Norsk Venture A/S, in which the state will hold 49 percent. It will try to raise money for industry. Industrialists have complained that relatively

high interest rates and economic problems resulting from depressed oil prices have cut their

The final budget proposals show the government is less optimistic about prices for Norwegian North Sea oil. Mr. Berge said he expected a 1989 price of 90 kroner (\$13.89). The estimate in the original budget was 100 kroner.

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NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York fime.

This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year,

Via The Associated Press

Miyazawa, which was announced Friday, is likely to make it more difficult for the Group of Seven industrialized nations to bold an early meeting next year, a senior Finance Ministry official said. "If we have a new finance minister, he may be too preoccupied with other matters to attend a G-7 meeting," the official said. Japan has already made clear that it sees no need for an early

Tokyo Move May Stall G-7

TOKYO - The resignation of Japan's finance minister Kiichi

meeting of the Group of Seven and that policy has not changed with Mr. Myazawa's departure, the official said.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita also took the post of finance minister Friday after Mr. Miyazawa resigned over his involvement in a share scandal. Mr. Takeshita is expected to name a new finance

minister around the end of the month in a cabinet reshuffle. The group, comprising Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, West Germany and the United States, is scheduled to hold talks next April during a meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington.

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The macro-stability and microfairness issues are related, of course: One reason corporations have become enamored of debt is that the tax laws make debt capital cheaper. The best way out, accord-

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proposed hy both the Carter and Reagan Treasuries. But they proved impossible to sell, argues Joe Minarik of the Urban Institute, because any shift in after-tax financing costs between equity and debt would create losers as well as winners. And in Washington, potential losers oo specialized tax issues can usually exercise veto pow-

lf the trend toward debt-based corporate finance continues, howcorporate tax base is bound to make Congress edgy.

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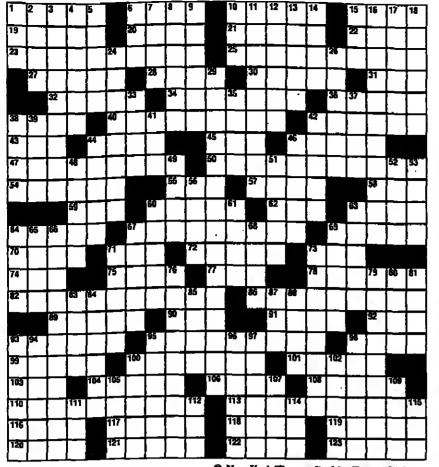
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BOOKS

W: Or the Memory of Childhood

By Georges Perec. Translated by David Bellos. 164 Pages. \$16.95. David R. Goaine, Horticultural Hall, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, Mass., 02115.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

In France, a country that prizes formalism and cerebral immovation in its arts, Georges Perec (1936-1982) emerged as one of the most daring and admired of contemporary writers. He was a longtime member of Raymond Queneau's literary society. Ou-LiPo, an international group of academicians that specialized in anagrams, palindromes and other word games; and his own work attested to a similar taste for puzzlemaking. He wrote one novel without using making. He wrote one novel without using the letter e and another in which e was the

only vowel employed.

He claimed to have created the longes palindrome in the world, using 5,000 characters; and he also wrote an anagrammatic poem, using only the 10 commonest letters in the alphabet.

As for his latest, posthumous work, "W, or the Memory of Childhood," it, too, defies conventional narrative rules. Told in alternating chapters, the novel actually consists of two separate stories: the first deals with Per-

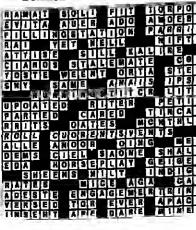
two separate stories: the first deals with rerec's own childhood in Nazi-occupied France; the second with a mythical island nation called W. somewhere off Tierra del Fuego.

The story of W. it seems, is an embellishment of a tale written by the author when he was 12 or 13. A kind of allegory about the Nazi atrocites of World War II, it serves to illuminate the autobiographical portion of the book by parable and indirection. The past does not return to him in a liberating rush of Proustian reminiscence; rather, it has to be extracted painfully.

Sometimes, Perec observes, he does not even know when he is telling us the truth and when he is giving us imaginative re-creations of what really happened. We learn that the author's father enlisted the day war broke out and in 1940 "was taken prisoner after being wounded in the abdomen by machinegun fire or a shell splinter" and died. We learn that his mother sent him off with the Red Cross to be evacuated from Paris and that she was subsequently picked up during a German raid, then interned at a camp in Drancy, where she died in 1943.

Young Perec was adopted by relatives and enrolled in a Catholic school Although the presence of soldiers and refugees made him aware of the war, many of his memories of this period deal with conventional matters. He says he has "no visual memory" of the liberation or "of the waves of enthusiasm

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



Juxtaposed with Perec's story is the story of W, an island society supposedly dedicated to the Olympian ideal, a land where Sport is king, a nation of athletes where Sport and life unite in a single magnificent effort." Competitions in track and field events take place regularly between the is-land's four villages, and a strict Darwinism appears to rule. Winners are given sumptu-ous feasts and privileges, while losers are mocked, starved, sometimes even killed.

Further, this barbarism permeates the entire social structure. Four out of five female children are killed; the remaining girls grow up to be raped by the winners of certain competitions. All manner of foul play is allowed during these events and the island's administration reinforces such unsportsmanlike behavior by perpetuating what is known as "organized injustice."

"It is necessary that even the best be

uncertain of winning; it is necessary that even the feeblest be uncertain of losing," that accompanied and followed it and in which it is more than likely that I took part." Perec writes. "Both must take an equal risk and must entertain the same insane hope of winning, the same unspeakable terror of

W's institutional unfairness, of course, comes to stand for the randomness and moral chaos of the real world, and it underscores the terror experienced by Perec's family and the other victims of World War IL

In addition, specific parallels between W and the Nazi regime are implied. None of these parallels are ever explicitly discussed by Perec. There is an almost willful reluctance on his part to connect the story of W with the story of his own youth - a selfconscious narrative strategy that in calling attention to itself distracts the reader from the larger moral questions raised by the entire novel.

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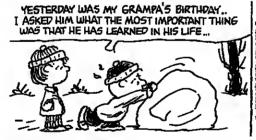


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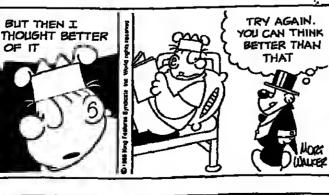
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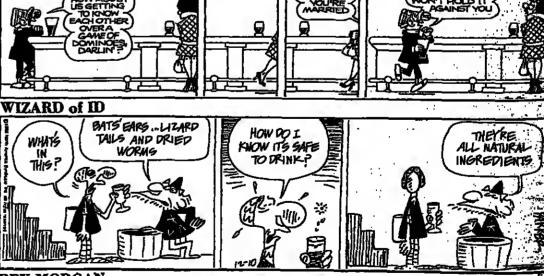






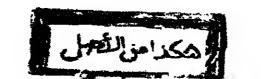












Oilers-Bengals Rematch Will Have Both Roaring

By Thomas George New York Times Service NEW YORK — They fumbled a kickoff, then threw an interception, then were sacked, with the ball trickling away and winding up as a touchdown. And then they gave up a long touchdown drive.

"I looked around," said Jerry Glanville, the Houston Oilers' coach, still incredulous seven weeks later, "and it was 28-0 and we're in the first quarter.

That National Football League game, which the Oilers lost, 44-21,

NFL PREVIEW

to the Cincinnati Bengals on Oct. 23, has helped Cincinnati remain a step ahead of the frustrated Oilers. On Sunday, they finally have the Bengals in their House of Pain, the Astrodome, in a game in which Houston (9-5) will try to prevent Cincinnati (11-3) from cinching its first American Conference Central

first American Conference Central
Division title since 1981.

The Bengals have the league's
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and the No. I passe I. But the Oilers'
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the wild, wild West: two s and they'll win their first Ra title since 1985. The Bills ost two in a row and must Greg Townsend of the Raidefense, who has scored touchs in his last two games, and ing a banner rookie season, ing the NFL in kickoff-return

age (29.3 yards). He returned tockoff 97 yards for a touch-

in Reeves, the Broncos' coach, to finds his team's backs nailed Binst the wall in this Sunday night me. They win the division if they in their final two games and the nd the Raiders. Scahawks by 3. nd are fresh from handing Hous- total defense. Browns by 4.

ton its first loss this season in the Astrodome. Chargers by 2.

National Conference New Orleans (9-5) at San Francisco (9-5): The Saints rank ninth in the league in rushing defense, allowing 108.4 yards a game. Crucial for them, having lost four of their last six games, is rejuvenating the short, crisp passing attack. Quarterback Bobby Hebert has been under immense pressure recently and the 49ers, winners of three straight and in the first match between these teams, will hound Hebert, 49ers by 51/2.

Detroit (4-10) at Chicago (II-3); The Bears oeed the victory, with a regular-season finale at Minnesota left and only a one-game lead in their quest for a fifth straight Cen-tral Division title. Jim McMahon, nearly recovered from a knee ininry, will be available. Bears by 11.

Philadelphia (8-6) at Phoeaix (7-7): The Eagles can win their first Eastern Division title since 1980 if they win Sanırday afternoon, win again in the finale against Dallas and the New York Giants lose one game, or if they they win one game and the Giants lose two. The Eagles are second in the league in interceptions with 28. The Cardinals have lost three straight, and Neil Lomax labored in the 44-7 loss to the Gi-

ants last Sunday. Cardinals by 1.
Atlanta (5-9) at Los Angeles
Rums (8-6) — The Rams have won the last two meetings by 33-0 scores. They have the NFL leaders in touchdowns (Greg Bell with 16), receiving yards (Henry Ellard with 1,243) and touchdown passes (Jim Everett with 26). Rams by 7. Minnesota (10-4) at Green Bay

(2-12): "Our defense is scoring points and winning games by it-self," said Wade Wilson of the Vikings, who is doing his part as the NFC's No. 1 passer. But one of the Packers' two victories came against Minnesota, Vikings by 10.

Dallas (2-12) at Washington (7-7); The Redskins have won four straight in this series and will start Doug Williams at quarterback. The Cowboys are on a club-record 10game losing streak. Redskins by 71/2.

Tampa Bay (4-10) at New England (8-6): In beating Buffalo last Sunday, the Bucs did not commit a turnover for the first time this season. In this game, they must contend with Dong Flotie, who is 9-0 in Sullivan Stadium as a starter (4-0 with New England and 5-0 with Brown of the offense. Brown is Boston College). Patriots by 9.

Kansas City (4-9-1) at New York Giants (9-5): The Giants are closing in on a second division title in three years, with a league high 46 sacks having helped. The Chiefs are Paenver (7-7) at Seattle (7-7): strong against the pass — having ur seem to play best when our allowed only I0 touchdown passes, ges are against the wall," said second fewest in the league - but rank last in the league in rushing defense. Giants by 9.

Monday Night Cleveland (9-5) at Miami (5-9): straight: the Dolphins have lost five in the division by beating Denver straight for the first time since 1967. This is the Browns' first regular-Pittsburgh (4-10) at San Diego season game in Miami since 1970, 1.10): The Steelers have won three and they will find a club that is last I the last four against the Chargers in the NFL in rushing and 26th in

The Bostonian Spurned Is One Angry Bostonian

BOSTON - Roger Clemens, the star not Boston.

Roger Clemens, whom the Boston Globe, for one. called "the ultimate ingrate" for criticizing the city.

pitcher of the Boston Red Sox, has struck out with Bostonians by criticizing the "too many obstacles" to family life in the city. Even though, he said Thursday, his remarks were aimed at the baseball team and

Those remarks, made Tuesday night in a live interview with WCVB-TV, drew a response from both fans and media that was immediate and overwhelmingly critical of the city's former hero. Columnists for both the city's daily

newspapers took him to task Thursday. "Clemens is the ultimate ingrate," said the Boston Globe, calling Clemens' complaints "garbage" and "just an excuse for greed." The Boston Herald ran a picture of Clemens, 26, on his car phone, with a caption reading. No one said it would be easy: Roger Clemens claims the life of a baseball player in Boston is rough and

rigorous. He finds it grueling when he

drives his telephooe-equipped 928S Porsche and it angers him when he and

carry their own luggage."

The Herald also canceled a regular columo written by Clemens, and fans throughout New England did an aboutface on the cherubic-cheeked fastballer. What he said was an insult to our read-

ers regarding the city of Boston," said the Herald's executive sports editor, Bob Sales. "I believe in freedom of expression, and he's entitled to his opinions, but I don't think I should provide a forum for that type of insult to our readers."

Mike Lynch, the TV sports anchor who

conducted Tuesday's interview, said, "The only more negative response we've ever gotten to anything was people complaining when Howard Cosell was on Monday Night Football." Clemens won the support of Red Sox

fans in 1986, when he walked out of spring training rather than accept the team's salary offer. He was ineligible then for salary arbitration, because he did not have enough major league experience, but even-tually signed a two-year contract for a reported \$1.7 million, plus incentives.

"The fans' attitude now is the eract oppo-site, with everybody criticizing him," said Sylvester, the talk-show producer for radio station WHDH. "Everybody back then thought the Red Sox were trying to be cheap, with him. But people watched that interview the other night with their mouths open." So what had Clemens, 18-12 with a 2.93

ERA last season, said that was so terrible? "Travel, road trips and carrying your luggage around isn't all fun and glory. There are some things going on in Boston making it a little bit tough as far as your family.

"There's too many obstacles there in Boston. I'm not going to specify it right here, but I know a lot of Red Sox people know about it and I know everybody on

In a series of interviews Thursday night Clemens said, "I was talking about the Boston Red Sox in general and not the town of Boston." He added that "the fems" and "the city have been great to me. Why would I have a home there if I didn't like the like the way the family situation is in Boston?" He said his comments Tuesday had been

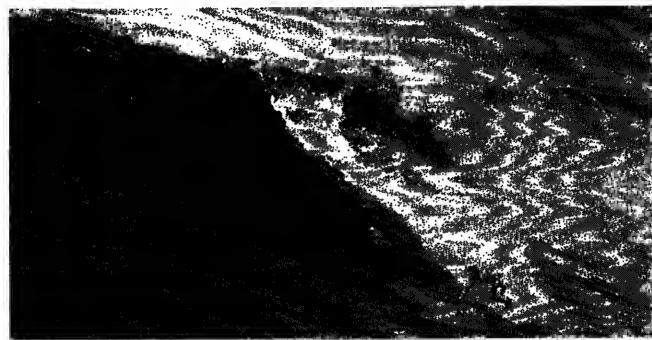
directed at conditions for players' wives at 76-year-old Fenway Park, and that he was referring to security and the need for a better leasure room for wives and children. He said Hurst had chosen to sign Thursday with the San Diego Padres partly because of the problems of the players' families.

"Absolutely absord," retorted the team's general manager, Lou Gorman. "What he's saying now is beyond me." Gorman said a room for the players' families recently was refurbished, and vehemently disagreed that Hurst had turned down an offer from the Red Sox for the reason Clemens gave.

"Bruce Hurst left not because there was no room for the wives and we mistreat the wives," said Gorman, but rather to be closer to his family in Utah.

Even Larry Bird, the basketball Boston Celtics' superstar, was drawn into the con-

Asked about Clemens's comments, he d, "It's not a tough place to live for me. I'll tell you one thing: They're going to have to kick me out of Boston if they want



SURF'S UP — Mark Foo of Hawaii, who won the Quicksilver Eddie Aikan Memorial meet, streaked across a 20-foot wave off Oalan. prepared," Cayton said. "I think

Tyson-Bruno On Again **But Rooney's Now Out**

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson's on-again, off-again title defense against Frank Bruno is apparently on again, at least for now. But without the heavyweight champion's longtime trainer Kevin Rooney.

Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, confirmed Thursday that final agreements were being drawn up for the fight to be held Feb. 25 at tying to get the fighter signed to an exclusive promotional contract. the Las Vegas Hilton. An an-nouncement of the bout is expected sometime next week.

The new fight date is the latest wrinkle in a bout that has been announced and postponed five times, while Tyson has done his battling outside the ring with his estranged wife, actress Robin Givens, his manager and others.

made his son the first to start.

fight and the promoters want the fight. I believe the deal will be

Hilton executive John Giavenco said he expected contracts to be signed this weekend.

"Don King is not involved in this deal," Cayton said, adding that he did not expect King to try to sabotage the fight.

"I think Don at this time is in favor of the fight," he said.

Tyson is suing Cayton over his refusal to allow the fighter to sign the contract with King, and Cayton has been dealing with intermediar-ies to set up the Bruno fight because Tyson isn't talking to his manager. Cayton earlier said he won't allow Tyson to sign the contract with King because terms are the worst he has ever seen.

Tyson told the New York Post in Friday's editions that "I don't have a trainer now. That's the way I look, at him. But you can say that Kevin really fired himself. It's over."

Tyson was apparently angered by Rooney's latest comments about the fighter and Givens, and about Given's mother, Ruth Roper. Earlier in the week Rooney said in television and newspaper interviews that he thought it would be

"Doesn't Kevin know what I went through with those women? lyson said. "Kevin talks like Ruth

"Kevin is out now," Tyson said.

SIDELINES

\$1 Million Steroid Ring Said Broken

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — R&R Wholesale Pharmaceutical Co. Inc. of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Syncon Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Snellville, Georgia, their presidents and three other persons were indicted Thursday for allegedly manufacturing and distributing more than \$I million of steroids to body builders and other athletes in several

The 44-count indictment by a Columbia grand jury said all but one of the defendants participated in a conspiracy to manufacture and sell steroids from March 1985 to at least July 1987. Assistant U.S. Attorney General John R. Bolton said the steroids were labeled and distributed under the names of nonexistent European companies.

For the Record

Frank Layden, who began coaching the NBA's Utah Jazz seven years - The Browns have won three ago, suddenly quit Friday, citing personal reasons; the team said an it. Jerry Sloan, would take over as coach Tracy Rocker, the Auburn defensive tackle who the day before had

won the Outland Trophy as U.S. college football's best interior linema won the Lombardi Award as the best collegiate lineman. The University of Kansas basketball team, banned from NCAA postseason play because of rules violations, can participate in the 1989 Big

Eight Tournament, the conference ruled.

IOC to Bar **Participants** In S. Africa

cord between the Soviet Union and

said international sports federa-tions should tell their Olympic ath-

especially concerned with two sports that retain formal ties to South Africa, tennis and gymnas-

The IOC expelled South Africa in 1970 and virtually every sport has barred its athletes from competing there because of the nation's apartheid policies.

Both measures, if adopted by the

said Kevan Gosper, an IOC board member from Australia. "It's simply a method with which we can signify that the Olympics are

spoiling an attempt by Canada's Thursday's practice runs for the Rob Boyd to win his third straight two consecutive downhills at Val downhill on the Saslong course. Gardena on Friday and Saturday. Müller, at 31 the oldest downhill racer on the circuit, got his 19th ing 31st, finished second in 2:00.69.

Müller Wins First Downhill

After Girardelli Quits Race

VAL GARDENA, Italy — Peter The World Cup champion in Müller of Switzerland won Friday 1985 and 1986 had won this sea-

the much-delayed first men's down- son's opening slalom last Tuesday

hill race this World Cup season, and had clocked the fastest times in

triumph in the speciality with a Boyd held on for third in 2:00.79. time of 2 minutes, 51 seconds. The defending World Cup cham-Boyd, the surprise winner at Val pion and current points leader, Pir-

Gardena the past two years, looked min Zurbriggen of Switzerland, only slightly disappointed as Miller placed fourth in 2:00.89.

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Friday's race first was set for last
that got faster as the racing went on.

August in snowless Las Lenas, Ar-Friday's race first was set for last Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg gentina. It was moved to Val d'Is-

"a good idea" if Tyson and Givens began dating again.

is a good person. She and Robin are both witches. How many times did I tell him to only worry about me and him?

"He is out. I'll get another trainer."

SCOREBOARD

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BASKETBALL NBA Standings

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7. Markus Wasmeler, W Germany, 2:01.42
8. Erwin Resch, Austria, 2:01.48
9. Peter Wirnsberger, Austria, 2:01.50
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11. Leonbrd Stock, Austria, 2:31.45
12. Helmut Holiehner, Austria, 2:01.74
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14. Gertard Piattenbichier, Austria, 2:01.78
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BASEBALL Free Agent Contracts

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VIENNA — The International Olympic Committee's Executive Board adopted measures Friday to withhold Olympic eligibility from anyone who takes part in athletic competition in South Africa.

In Rome, the Italian Olympic Committee's president, Arrigo Gattai, said that Italy is likely to sign an agreement with the Soviet Union - similar to the recent acthe United States - on the mutual testing of athletes for illegal drugs. The IOC's board, in addition,

letes not to go to South Africa after competing in the Games. The measures, drawn up by the 10C's special commission on apartheid at the end of a week of meetings of the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees, would apply to all federations. But officials said they were

more than two dozen federations that govern Olympic sports, would only apply to events after the adop-"This would not be retroactive,"

ainst apartheid." Last month, I4 U.S. track and

had left Val Gardena on Thursday ere, France, but was canceled by night after his father-coach chal- bad weather last weekend and lenged the fairness of a draw that moved to Italy.

CORAL GABLES, Florida - The political sanctions that bar South Africans from most international athletic competitions apply even to physically dis-abled youngsters on an integrated team, 15 youths have learned after raising funds to fly here to compete in the Junior Orange Bowl games.

Their hopes for a last-minute change of policy

having been dashed, the four days of swimming, track and field and other events at Miami-area parks began Thursday without them. The 15 athletes, five of whom are black, were banned from the Sports Ability Games because U.S. and international policies, aimed at the Pretoria gov-ernment's policy of apartheid, would prevent the other

athletes from competing if the South Africans did, Junior Orange Bowl officials said. The athletes were devastated. Said Joebert Judeel, 18, of Cape Town, a swimmer with an artificial leg: "I feel like a bird caught in a cage."

David Bercuson, chairman of the sponsoring JOB sports-ability committee, said he was told by The Athletics Congress, the U.S. governing body for track and field, that other teams couldn't participate if the

15 Youths, Caught in a Political Web

dize JOB's sponsorship of the Sports Ability world championships set for Miami next year. The South African youths began raising money for their trip after Bercuson mailed letters out worldwide in August, announcing the games. Gloris Burns, executive director of the Junior Orange Bowl, said the announcement didn't constitute an invitation, but that the South Africans had interpreted it that way. Bercuson said the youths were told before they left

South Africa that they couldn't compete.
"You can't tell these kids they can't go to Miami
after they've raised their money," said Menzo Barrish, executive director of the South African Sports Association for the Physically Disabled.

"When we heard they were coming, we tried to work something out," Burns said. "But what it came down to

is: South African citizens may not participate. Period." They would be allowed to see south Florida as tourists, she said. "We're doing all we can for them, getting them tickets for Parrot Jungle and Metrozoo and places like that," Burns said. But, she added, the restrictions have kept her group from even providing rides so they can watch the athletic events they came to participate in.

"We're hoping someone in the community will

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Chicago's Star Mecca

HICAGO - Wally Babych. retired from his job as maitre d'hôtel of the Pump Room, donned a black tuxedo and smiled as he Sinatra sings about the place. No sipped Champagne in the same matter where you go, people know room where he had served it to about the Pump Room." Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Lana Turner and Clark Gable.

most famous restaurant and celeb-50th anniversary. And Babych was for its rich and famous. back for dinner, this time as a guest. "From the moment the Pump Room opened it was fabulous, a room for the stars," said busboy when it opened in 1938.

To celebrate its anniversary, the restaurant has been regains patrons with a wide range of events: a reunion dinner for former employees, a tribute by Mayor Eugene Sawyer and a dinner in the Pump

It also was host for a fund-raiser for the Chicago Academy for the Arts in which Booth One — the Pump Room's most coveted table - was auctioned to a real estate developer. The booth gained noto-riety shortly after the Pump Room opened when the actress Gertrude Lawrence dined there for 90 consecutive evenings. Booth One has remained Chicago's pre-eminent celebrity showcase.

For all its pomp and history, the Pump Room is most famous for its customers. The picture gallery near the entrance features pictures of Jerry Lewis embracing Jimmy Durante; Robert Wagner and Natalie Wood as newlyweds; Humphrey Bogart and his new bride, Lauren Bacall, with the restaurant's founder, Ernest Byfield, in Booth One; Liza Minnelli at 12 having dinner with her mother Judy Garland. The child actress Margaret O'Brien wore lipstick for the first he bought it. He sat in Booth One. time at the Pump Room. Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman cooed there. Elizabeth Taylor dined there with four of her husbands. Scenes from the movie "My Bodyguard"

PHIL COLLINS developed the title of his first solo album, "No Jacket Required," after he was refused seating for failing to meet the dress code. (The restaurant later museum," he said. "A lot of people sent Collins a paisley jacket as a come by because they want to say

By Lawrence I. Shulruff

New York Times Service

Oprah Winfrey, the television talk show bost, said, "The Pump Room is Chicago. Before I moved here, this was the only Chicago restaurant I had heard of. Frank

While other restaurants across the United States are known for The Pump Room - Chicago's catering to the culinary tastes of the glitterati, the Pump Room has nity haunt - was celebrating its drawn notables in a city not known

WHEN Byfield opened the Pump Room a half century ago in Babych, who started his career as a the Ambassador East Hotel, his plan was to build a "celebrity palace" much like the Pump Room of 18th-century Bath, England. In the restaurant's early days, Byfield would send a limousine to Union Station to greet celebrities who had to stop in Chicago during layovers on their way to Hollywood by train Norables would be whisked to the Pump Room, fêted and re-turned in time to catch the train.

"If a star were coming to Chicago, they would come to the Pump Room," said Stanley Paul, the res-taurant's bandleader from 1964 to

Despite the Pump Room's prominence, Paul said the restaurant would have failed had it not been taken over by its present owner,

Melman first visited the Pump Room in 1975. He left unim ed. "I thought it was old and tattered and not doing a good business," he recalled. Several months later he owned it.

"For me it was a location, a great space, a great room," he said. "To be honest, I didn't realize what I had at the time." The first time he ate at the restaurant was the night

Refurbishing the Pump Room took eight months and cost \$750,000. As part of the overhaul, Melman expanded the bar, added a cafe, and replaced the booths, in-cluding Booth One. In his first year operating the Pump Room, revenues increased from \$800,000 to \$2.5 million, Melman said.

He said it is the "spirit" of the good-will gesture, but he never re-turned) the history was made."

Lee Smith's Raft of Appalachian Novels

By Ken Ringle Washington Post Service

F ICTION has always transported the novelist Lee Smith. Sometimes literally. During her years at Hollins College she be-came so enthralled with Huckleberry Finn that she and her classmates built a raft and floated down the Mississippi River.

The trip, she says, "was really wonderful" but, like much in life, "turned out to be something completely other than we meant for it to be." So irresistible did the Huckleberry Girls prove to the media that by the time we got to New Orleans we were met by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on a ngboat and the mayor and all this stuff. People were dropping roses out of helicopters. We had become media junkies," with Mark Twain forgotten.

For Smith, 44, now riding a raft of critical praise for her eighth book, "Fair and Tender Ladies," the river journey proved a can-tionary lesson, as hilariously profound and prescient as any learned by the Appalachian characters who people her tales. Throughout an impressively productive 20-year writing career, she has pointedly shrunk from the sort of book-tour-and-talk-show frenzy through which so many writers trumpet and define them-

selves in the media age.
"I think you have to," she said. "Otherwise you'd become so selfconscious you'd be just sort of embalmed at a very young age. Don't you think?"

To talk to Lee Smith is to get a lot of questions like that, all asked with a kind of seductively ingenu-ous mischief. At least half her sentences start out as statements but end up as questions, her voice rising for affirmation at the final clause like a butterfly net hoisted to snag a thought — or a laugh —

In her years teaching in Ten-nessee and North Carolina, "I was always the one who would drive the car to pick up the visiting writer? And you realize how soon these people become paro-dies of themselves? It's very terrifying. [They] just seem somehow to have lost themselves along the

"It's a lot easier to write books than to figure out how to deal iron bug. And powering almost with having written them, how to every book in some way is some

live your life in any kind of reasonable way? It's always a lot eascal or mythic. While Smith has ier for me to write a book than to made so little money from fiction live my life. Probably one reason I

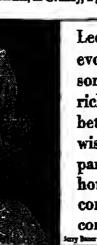
write them. lt's not that Smith completely deposits," she explains), critics escaped public notice. Her first have always loved her work, regnbook, "The Last Day the Dog-bushes Bloomed," won her a Book-of-the-Month Club writing fellowship in 1968. Her third, a hilarious look at small-town

that she uses deposit slips for business cards ("I never make any larly listing her high among the

Lee Smith was born, like many

bumper crop of New South novelists that sprouted in the 1970s and

Americana called "Fancy Strut" of her stories, in Grundy, a gritty



Lee Smith's novels evoke with unsentimental, sometimes gothic, richness a region in flux between the beauty, wisdom and horrors of the parochial past and the homogenized, if wildly comic, banality of contemporary America.

Jane Russell?

were two of my major figures."

(1973), was optioned for films several times, most notably by the director Milos Forman and David Susskind for a never-made picture that was to star Warren Beatty. Her fifth, "Oral History" 983), was turned into a play that "Very few people live there is now being made into a five-part miniseries for PBS's "American Playhouse." Her seventh, "Fam-ily Linen" (1985), is being script-

Smith's novels evoke with unsentimental, sometimes gothic, richness a region, a people and a culture in flux between the beauty, wisdom and horrors of the parochial past and the homoge-nized, if wildly comic, banality of contemporary America. In the mountain culture of the past, her women gather Queen Anne's lace and Saint Johnswort in highland meadows; in today's, they gather groceries at the Piggly Wiggly. In Fair and Tender Ladies," heroine Ivy Rowe takes a lover who gathers bees and honey from the wild, in "Family Linen," Myrtle's lover is an exterminator who drives a car topped with a huge

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little town in the southwest Virginia coal fields hard by the Ken-tucky border. Smith's father runs the local dime store and has all his life. Her grandfather was county treasurer for 50 years.

who aren't from there," she says. "You can't imagine how insular it is. But my mother was what they refer to in Grundy as a foreigner.' "She was from Chincoteague at the other end of the state. "And my father was always kind of a maverick. He had gone away to William and Mary to play foot-ball one season and acquired some notions. They were in their late 30s when I was born and all their friends' children were already grown. And I was an only child. So I grew up kind of weird.

"Only children have a lot of time alone, and all I ever did was read and write. One of the first things I remember writing - my father still has it - was about Adlai Stevenson. He was one of my idols. And I wrote this story about Adlai Stevenson and Jane
Russell going west in a covered hard for her. "I was actually wagon. And they became Mor- kicked out of the Hollins Abroad

that. People were always getting killed. There were people whose fathers would be killed or their brothers shot. I have a real high tolerance for violence in a funny kind of way because of that."

There were other lessons as well. "I remember showing these coal mine kids how a flush toilet worked. They would just die to come over and we would flush the toilet for them 'cause they had never seen one. And my best friend was pregnant in the ninth grade? Stuff like that."

Smith escaped to boarding school in Richmond as a teenager. "My father was afraid I would marry my high school boy-friend. Which I probably would have. So I went. And I loved it.

"Of course, part of it was awful. I had never seen clothes like people at St. Catherine's had. Villager blouses. Pappagallo shoes. Scarab bracelets. That was awful. But I loved the classes. I came right out of Grundy and started reading 'Les Miserables' in French, Best thing that ever happened to me."

But in Hollins's writing program, Smith soured. In so much of

think I missed the Metro."

Well, we went to the movies a lot. My uncle Curt owned the academic life, she says, "people movie theater, and I just thought become terribly impressed with themselves. But at Hollins there she was glamorous. She and Adlai was this great spirit of play. Which, of course, is what creativity is real-While Smith was a town girl, somewhat removed from the povly all about. They made you feel erty and labor wars that frequentlike you could do anything. ly swept the coal fields, "there was "Like, we had this all-girl rock only one school and we all went to

band of English majors called the Virginia Woolfs? Annie Dillard and I were go-go dancers for it. And when Richard Adams, the 'Watership Down' author, came to speak. We all got rabbit costumes and just sort of, you know, stood around the campus. Every-body was working really hard but they weren't, like, fraught with

For the past 14 years Smith has lived in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, while teaching at the Univer-sity of North Carolina, Duke and North Carolina State; her second husband, Hal Crowther, is editor of the weekly North Carolina Spectator.

Smith's writing, she says, takes place as much in her head as on paper. "I'm not the kind of writer who writes every day or every week or maybe even every year," she says. "Til think about stuff maybe, five years? I've got a couple of books right now, all thought through. But because I haven't ever had as much writing time as I would like. By the time I actually sit down to do it I'm just crazy to do it. It's like I'll be shot through the head if I don't start it this minute. I've been thinking about it for so long."

The end product, she says, comes out in virtually final form. in six to eight months of six-hour writing days.

Writing rimals? Don't ask. "I have very little sympathy for these people, these men who are interviewed in the Paris Review, right? And they have to write be-tween the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 standing up with a No. 2 yellow pencil. They assume because they're a writer their households have to revolve around them and they have to have special rules and everybody has to wait on them hand and foot. And they can get drunk and be fools. I think that's just ridiculous."

After Major Renovation mons and married and that was program. For something dumb just sort of the end." ike staying out all night in Paris. I

La Coupole, perhaps the world's best known brassene, once frequented by the likes of Ernest Henringway, Jean-Paul Sartre and Picasso, reopened Friday in Paris after eight months of renovation. "La Compole is more than a restaurant, it's an institution," said Jean-Paul Bucher, president of Groupe Flo, which bought the restaurant in January. The draing room is listed as a historical monument. Renovations of its 1920s decor cost an. estimated 30 million francs (\$5 mil-

PEOPLE

La Coupole Re-Opens

After serving more than seven years in prison for the murder of Dr. Herman Tarnower, author of the "Complete Scarsdale Medical. Diet," Jean S. Harris is asking Governor Mario M. Caomo of New York to grant her clemency. Crung Harris's health her contributions while in prison and possible errors at her trial hundreds of friends have written in her support. Earlier: requests have been denied on the grounds that she had not served half of her 15-year sentence. The Tarnower family says it opposes. Harris's release.

Oliver North, who has been dowell on the lecture circuit at 25,000 per appearance, won't be filling an engagement in February at the Sands gambling casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The New Jersey Casino Control Commission has decided that the former Marine Corps officer, who is under indicament for his role in the Iran contra scandal, can't speak while the charges against him are current North was to speak on family life.

Jessica Helm's contract with a radio station in Phoenix, Arizona expires Dec. 31 and the station says it won't be renewing it. Habit, whose 1980 sexual encounter led to the downfall of the PIL founder, Jim Bakker, joined the station in the summer. Hahn had no experence before taking the job but says she'd like to stay in the business.

The Italian architect Renzo Page 100 has been chosen to design the passenger terminal for Japans Kansai international airport. Piano, based in Paris, is best known for his work on the Pompidou cen ter, which he co-designed with Richard Rogers of Britain.

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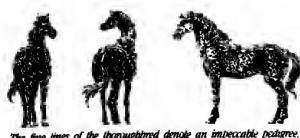
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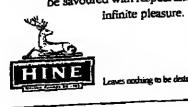
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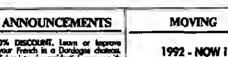
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